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The Connecticut Historical Society

SETH P. STAPLES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:71]

New Haven July 19th 1813

To His Excellency John C. Smith Esquire
Governour & Cap. General of Connecticut

Sir,

Under date of the 24th of June I wrote the Adjutant General giving him an account of the disposition of the Detachment of Cavalry from the 2nd Regiment & requesting to know of the course proposed & pursued was approved — To this letter I have received no reply, probably owing to the abscence of the Adgt General —

On the appearance of the British Ships of War off Guilford & other movements on Thursday & Friday last I again ordered out the Detachment & stationed them in Branford to patrol from Killingworth to the light house point — But as the Ships have again disappeared & as well as I can learn called in their Barges from this quarter have this morning released the dedetachment from any further services — The call for this Detachment has produced one good effect, namely – put in very good order a Troop of this Regiment heretofore very deficient. It has done more than could have been effected by several years in ordinary training — There is now no Detachment from this Regiment of Cavalry —

There is so much unwillingness manifested by these on the Sea Board to take any effectual measures to keep necessary guards that I shall not call out another Detachment except by order of your Excellency; unless the enemy actually lands & renders it indispensable —

Please inform me whether the course pursued meets your Excellency's approbation

I remain your Excellency's
Most Obdt & very Hb Servt
Seth P Staples
Lieut. Col. 2d Reg. Cavalry

[Superscribed] To His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr Govr & Cap. Genl of Connecticut Hartford. per Honble E. Goodrich

[Endorsed] Lt Col. Staples 19. July 1813 — calling out cavalry Ans^{d} 22nd

RESULT OF THE COUNCIL

[3:72]

At a Meeting of the Governor and Council, held at Hartford on the 20th day of July AD 1813.

His Excellency the Governor having convened the Council, for the purpose of advice, upon sundry questions, arising out of the Calamitous War, in which the United States are engaged, and Particularly in regard to the Protection of the Naval Squadron, now lying in the River Thames, and of the Inhabitants of this State, who are specially exposed to dangers incident to an attack; supposed to be meditated upon that Squadron; and the Council having maturely considered the several matters refered to them, do concur in the following Result. —

That on a view of sundry Communications, from Brigadier General Burbeck, Commandant of the Forces of the United States, stationed at New London, requesting that a Thousand Infantry and Two Hundred Artillerists of the military Force of this State, may be furnished, with a view to repel any Attack which may be mediated as aforesaid; the Council do advise The Governor, to comply with the request of Brigadier General Burbeck, and to detach from the military force of this State, the troops requested; to serve for Forty five days, unless sooner discharged, and that not less than five hundred Men, of such force be taken from the Military Corps, unless Information shall be received by the Governor, that the Government of the United States shall have made such an arrangement of the Forces of the United States, as to render in the opinion of the Officers of the United States a less force adequate to the protection of the Squadron.

The Council do not advise the Governor at present, to

station any force, on the sea Coast, west of the Town of Say-Brook.

In consideration of the promptitude with which his Excellency the Governor, has devoted himself to the public service, since the last session of the Legislature, and of the judicious manner, in which he has performed the various arduous duties devolved upon him by the events of the War, the Council rely with confidence, that as heretofore, so on all future occasions, his Conduct will be wisely adapted to the varying Occurrences of the times, and to the promotion of the best Interests of the State —

A true copy —
Attest Jon^a^ Brace Clerk

[Endorsed] Result of the council 20. July to 22nd — 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOS H. BUEL

[3:73]

Hartford 20. July 1813 —

Sir

A young man from Haddam by the name of Elias Selden Junior has called upon me this day and represents that his name is enrolled in your company — that he subscribed the enlistment at the solicitation of one David Shepherd who was employed in obtaining recruits and who is now a Sergeant in the company — that Shepherd requested him to enter his name with the view of encouraging others present to follow the example assuring him that he might withdraw his Signature at any time if he chose — that he agreed to this proposition informing Shepherd he had not then seen the act for raising the corps. If on examination he should approve the terms of service his name would remain, otherwise he must be at liberty to withdraw it — that he afterwards Signified to Shepherd or yourself his determination not to be considered a member of the company — that nevertheless he is Summoned to march to N. London — & therefore prays relief —

How far this representation may be just I know not — but

I deem it proper that an inquiry Should be had to ascertain its truth — You are therefore directed not to enforce the attendance of Mr Selden at New London for the present — At a proper time the question shall be tried and if his claim is not duly Supported he must then Suffer the consequences

I am Sir &^{c}

Capt. BUEL —

[Endorsed] To Capt. Enos H. Buel respecting a recruit Elias Selden Junr

ELISHA SILL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:74]

SAYBROOK July 20th 1813

Sir

I received by Express on the 15 Ins^{t} from Killingworth (at 5 oclock P M.) that 2 of the enemys Ships had Come to anchor of that harbour & that their Boats on the morning of the Same day had Come into the mouth of their harbour either for the purpose of landing or to Cut out a Coasting vessel that Came in their the day before when they had a scurmish with them & drove them of and from their manuvers they expected another attack Soon — I immediately Set out for that Place whare I arived about half past 7 o'clo^{k} it then being thick weather their was nothing to be Seen of the enemy — I found their the [3^{d}] and 7th Companies assembled for defence — they had Stationed Sentrys at proper Points for the night — I thought Proper to direct the Companies to Remain on duty for the night — in the morning of the 16th I discovered the Ships lying at anchor of the land about 5 Miles and their boats & tenders Cruising in every direction at about 10 oclock the Ships got under way and Stood to the Eastward when I immediatly directed Capt Hurd of the 3^{d} Com^{p} to dismiss his Com^{p} and Capt Wilcox of the 7th Company to dismiss his Com^{p} as Soon as the barges had Returned (which was then gone westward) and gone of — when I returned back to Saybrook this is the 2^{d} time they have bin allarmed at Killing-

worth they feel quite allarmed and are anxious for some protection — Capt Hurd & Capt Bray who are Calculating to Set out for Hartford this afternoon will be able to give your Exelency more perticulars I under Stand they Carry Petitions to your Exelency for granting them protection — from the Statements that will probably be made you Exelence will be much better able to judge than I am to recommend any measures — I would observe however Should any Gard be Stationed theire that I have found artillery to be the Most Efficient annoiance to the Enemys boats as they carry generely from three to six pounders

I am Sir your Exelencys
Most Obdient Servt
ELISHA SILL
Lieut Col^{o} Com^{t}
7th Reg^{t} Millitia

To His Exelency JOHN C SMITH
Commander in Chief

[Superscribed] His Exelency JOHN C SMITH at Hartford favor of Capt Bray

[Endorsed] Lt Col. Sill — 20. July 1813 Calling out militia at Killingworth —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SETH STAPLES

[3:75]

HARTFORD 22. July 1813 —

Sir

Your letter of the 19th instant was duly received —

The Adjutant General shewed me your communication under date of the 24th June — It met my entire approbation and you would doubtless have been so informed by him had not his departure for Washington prevented —

I rejoice that any good effect has been produced by your last detachment from the cavalry — I commend your conduct on this occasion and applaud your determination not to

repeat the call unless the exigency be such as to render it absolutely indispensable —

I am Sir respectfully your
obedient & very hum. Ser^{t}

Col. Staples
[Endorsed] To — Col. Staples —

ASA PARKE'S DISCHARGE

[3:76]

To whom it may concern

This may certify that Mr Asa Parke of Canterbury a soldier in Capt William Hibbard's company and Member of the 21st Reg^{t} commanded by Co^{l} Daniel Wheeler by reason of a fever sore on his leg that disables him from labor in a considerable degree and renders him the s^{d} Parke a subject of entire exemption from Military duty in the opinion of

Jared Fuller Sg^{n} of the 21st Reg^{t}

Plainfield 22nd July 1813

James Wilson Capt

CIRCULAR TO BRIGADIERS OF 1st, 2nd, 4th 6th, 7th and 8th BRIGADES

[3:77]

Hartford July 24th 1813

Circular to Brigadiers of
1st, 2^{d}, 4th, 6th, 7th, & 8th, brigades

Sir,

His Excellency the Commander in chief, by and with the advice of the Council, has directed that a detachment be made from the Militia of this State, of five hundred men including officers armed and equipped according to law for the defense of the United States Squadron in our waters and the protection of the inhabitants of New London & Groton —

In making the detail from your brigade you will consider the detachment made last year by order of the President of

the United States as liable to this detachment, and you will also consider those detached under orders of the 5th instant as having performed their duty and not liable to be detached under this order . . — No troops are to be taken from the 3d & 5th, brigades, nor will any be taken from the towns adjoining Long Island Sound —

The detail from your brigade is annexed and will when detached, rendezvous at on the third day of August next at which time & place your Brigade Inspector will attend, take a complete list of the mens names from them, and place them under the command of the senior officer detached from your brigade, who will march them forthwith to New London and report himself to Maj. Gen1 Wm Williams, who is to have the command of all the troops at that post —

The men are detached for Forty five days from the time they leave their respective places of rendezvous unless sooner discharged —

The men must furnish themselves with provisions for their march . . — You will consider the flank companies, equally liable to detachment in all instances with the battalion companies, unless specially directed otherwise by a General Order.

For the detachment from your brigade, will be provided by the Quarter Master of brigade, *a two horse waggon* for the transportation of the officers baggage; the expence of sd waggon will be paid Qr. Master Gen1 on the bill being presented to him —

His Excellency sincerely regrets that an untimely order from the War Department for the Dismission of the Militia has occasioned the necessity of making a new draft; and he deeply laments that any portion of the Military force should be called into public service at this particular season; but the protection of the National Squadron in our waters and especially the cries of our fellow citizens at New London and Groton, cannot be disregarded by a brave and generous people; and his Excellency relies with perfect confidence that every citizen who may thus be summoned to perform the

first of social duties, will evince a spirit becoming the high character which the militia of Connecticut have so justly acquired. —

By order EBEN: HUNTINGTON Adj^{t} Genl

[Endorsed] General order for detachment 24. July 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN S. CANNON

[3:78]

HARTFORD 24. July 1813 —

Sir

At the late meeting of the council the Subject of placing guards at different points on the Seacoast & particularly at Bridgeport was fully considered, and it is their opinion and advice that under existing circumstances no troops be stationed west of Saybrook. In consequence of this result the arrangements I had made for a guard at Bridgeport must be suspended — Should the state of things in your quarter vary materially for the worse, a due regard will be paid to your exposed situation —

I am Sir respectfully your obedient
& very humble servant

JOHN S. CANNON Esq.

[Endorsed] To J. S. Cannon Esq 24 July 1813 —

GERSHOM BURR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:79]

May it please your Excellency,

I enclose you, at the request of Saml Rowland Esquire and others, a list of those who have associated themselves, for the purpose of forming a Volunteer Corps of exempts, in the First society of the town of Fairfield —

I am with sincere respect
Your Excellency's Hum^{l} Ser^{t}
GERSHOM BURR

FAIRFIELD 24th. July 1813 —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esquire Sharon (Con)

[Endorsed] Col. G. Burr — Enclosing Fairfield list of volunteers — Approved the association 3. Aug. Sent the same to Adj^{t} Genl 5th — Issued order to Col. Burr to lead to choice — 3rd Aug. 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GEORGE W. JEWETT

[3:80]

HARTFORD 24. July 1813 —

Sir your letter of 19th instant has been duly received and attentively considered — Whilst I regret your uneasiness on the Subject to which you refer I cannot but highly commend the frank and honourable manner in which you have communicated your impressions – –

The act for raising the military corps contains no expressions which in my view warrant the conclusion which you seem to have drawn — to wit — that in no case can the ultimate command devolve upon an officer of the militia — Such words of exclusion are evidently contained in the act for organizing the *volunteer* corps, but not in the other — and it is probable the language of the two statutes may have been blended together in your recollection — They were framed nearly at the same time & that this language should have been contained in the latter & not in the former would of itself form a strong argument against your construction — The military corps is indeed organized with its own proper officers — but I cannot bring my mind to doubt that a section of this corps when ordered into Service with the militia may be commanded by a *Superiour* officer of the latter whose duties at the time are the same and whose commission emanates from the same authority — Such I am authorized to say is the unanimous opinion of the council to whom I distinctly presented the question at their session on the 20th instant —

About 500 infantry & 2 companies of artillery belonging to the corps with their proper officers will be at N. London — and an equal number of the militia — The principal object

with the council in advising me to give the command of the whole to Major Gen[l] Williams is found in the circumstance of his being conveniently located to call in the whole of his division to act as an auxiliary force in case of attack —

This arrangement Sir I trust will prove satisfactory to yourself & the other officers of the corps — and I rest assured that the alacrity with which you obeyed when called to the post of danger is an earnest of your gallantry & good conduct in the hour of trial —

With sincere regard & esteem I
am Sir your ob & very hm ser[t]

[Endorsed] To Capt. G. W. Jewett

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:81]

New London 26th July 1813

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of 22nd ins[t] respecting the supplies of rations for our Troops by the United States Contractor.

I have just seen Gen[l] Burbeck & he informs me that he has not received any instructions on the subject, & as they are contracted for by us at Five Mills in the ration less than the U. S. pay, it is his wish that our Contractor might continue to furnish them untill he is otherways directed —

As the Third & Eighth Regiments (or that part now here) were summoned on the last alarm quite suddenly & unexpectedly, the number turned out being in all a little rising of Four Hundred, with a much greater proportion of officers than Privates, and it being very distressing for the most of them to be kept from their Farms at this important Season without having made any previous arrangement & since three Companies of the State Corps are now here, and as these Regiments can be Called at a short notice, I take the liberty of requesting from your Excellency an order to dismiss them to be ready at a moments notice or on an alarm being given; if circumstances will permit on the receipt of the order, particu-

larly as the residue of the late detachment may be expected in the course of this week, the every hour weighs heavily with these Men who are thus kept from their business — I have seen Gen[l] Burbeck on this Subject & he advises to it. I have also called on him for some Tents, he informs me there are none belonging to the United States within his reach, or he would furnish them, Some would be very desirable at this moment & when the Detachment are all in about one Hundred will be indispensibly necessary from some quarter or other — there being no Surgeon here attached to the Companies already arriv[d], Doctor Brainard of the 3[d] Reg[t] has attended to them when occasion has made it necessary & would be glad to be continued should there not be others appointed —

I have the honour
to be
Y[r] very ob[t] Hble Sr[t]
W[m] WILLIAMS Major General
Commanding

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq[r]
Captain General
State Connect.[t]

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq[r]
Captain Gen[l] State of Connecticut Hartford By Express
[Endorsed] Mj[r] Gen[l] Williams 26. July 1813 rec[d] 29th answ[d] 30th

JAMES WARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:82]

HARTFORD 27 July 1813 —

Sr

By letters rec[d] from New London last evening I am informed that Gen[l] Burbeck on being requested to order rations furnished by the U S to the militia, replyed that they were not prepared and that our contractor had refused to lend them ten barrels of flour for U S troops, that he intended to write Gen[l] Armstrong requesting him to let the State furnish thier

own troops, this has become common talk amongst the militia who say they will not continue in service if they have to receive U S provision which is more complained of than heretofore — Mr Aikins the paymaster has not been heard from yet, does not all this look a little like old Connecticuts paying the Bill —

M^{r} G expresses a strong wish that Genl H may have the command but concludes by saying he does not believe Genl Burbeck would assume the command if there was no Genl offcer there.

I am S^{r} with esteem
your friend &c
JAMES WARD

Since writing the within I have rec^{d} a letter from Mr Goddard by Genl Williams express to you, which I have refered to Col^{o} Trumbull, Mr Goddard expresses his private wish that the two regiments may be dismissed to save the reputation of Federalist as no one of that class have yet deserted — Genl Burbeck continues to say that he has no instructions on the subject of rations — J W

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Conn^{t}

[Endorsed] Col. J^{s} Ward — 27. July 1813 —

MOSES READ TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:83]

NORWALK FIVE MILE RIVER July 27. 1813 —

Sir

It is with pleasure I announce to you the determination of the inhabitants of this neighbourhood particularly those exempted from military duty of which the company — in whose behalf I have the honor of addressing your excellency) (is composed, to defend the rights and priviledges — purchased by the blood of our fathers — against the attacks of our enemy which at present seem to throng our coasts and to threaten us with destruction —

Having, in the American Revolution, been much distressed

(by the same cruel enemy) in the destruction of our dwellings by fire — and a deprivation of our enjoyments — in the worship of our God — we feel it our indespensable duty to hold ourselves in readiness to meet them — determined to resist, til resistance becomes vain

And having formed ourselves into a company — known by the name of the Alarm List of Five Mile River — and equiped ourselves — according to the Law of our State — and at the expense of procuring and mounting — on a suitable travelling carriage piece — which will carry a two pound shot — this company have thought [prop]er to solicit of your Excellency some ammunition for s^{d} piece — The situation of our harbour — as your excellency well knows, is such that an enemy might easily land — and destroy our vessels & stores. &c — And a piece of this description properly furnished will be of great advantage to us — In behalf of this company — by whom the honor of this state & nation will never be tarnished I earnestly solicit your excellency to consider our petition and if possible to afford us some assistance —

I am Sir Your Excellencys
Most Obedient
And Very Humble Servant
MOSES READ Clerk — of
the Company

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH — Governor of Connecticut Head Quarters Sharon Norwalk C^{t} N London, C July 29 forw^{d} —

[Endorsed] Moses Read of Norwalk Five-mile-river — Rc^{d} 3. Aug^{t} — 1813 — answ^{d} 4th —

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:84]

NEW LONDON 28. July 1813 —

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr

Sir

Your fav^{r} of the 24th Ins^{t} was duly received, I had previously taken every precaution and issued the necessary

orders, that the Armes furnished the Militia on Duty here should be returned in good order and that the amunition &c° supplied them should not be wasted —

The anxiety manifested by some portion of the Militia to return, and the strong claims which their Families & Business had upon them at this season of the year induced me, under the discretionary power contained in your Letter to dismiss this day the 3 & 8 Regm'ts, excepting Capt French's Company of Artillerists who are extreamly anxious to be discharged — Whenever additional Troops arrive I surgest to your Excellency the propriety of releiveing this Company from further Duty as they ware first called into service and have verry faithfully and punctualy preformed their tour, many of the members of this Company will suffer much Inconvenience from a further detention in public Service, but under my present Orders I was not at liberty to discharge them —

Before disbanding those Regiments I consulted with Brig^r Genl Burbeck who joined with me in opinion, and I think under all circumstances the measure was boath expediant and necessary — About 30 Privates of the 3^d Regm^t under the Command of a Lieu^t volantered their Services and will be retained in service untill the arrival of the Troops now ordered in —

Thus far there has appeared no grate jealousy beteen the military Corps and Militia, and the right of Command will not I believe be questioned, with the force Shortly expected I shall endeavour to make such arrangements as will prevent any difficulty, as I contemplate to Station each Species of force on the different sides of the River if practicable — with the officers of the United States I have thus far had a happy understanding, and as I feel it important in the present state of things, that no differences shall exist beteen us I shall endevour so to guard my public conduct and private deportment towards them as to continue upon the same tirms —

No officer of the United States has yet arrived to discharge the Wages due the Militia, although I am induced to believe

that Gen[l] Burbeck expects some person shortly for that purpose —

The Letter from the Adjutant Gen[l] informing of the arrangements made and carrying into effect for placing a sufficient force under my Command, has reached me —

I shall keep your Excellency regularly adivsed by mail of the State of things here, unless imperious circumstances render it necessary to dispach an Express — with a sincere wish that the force under my Command may so Conduct as to promote the grate objects in View and add to their own honour and reputation

I remain Your Excellency Most obd[t]
& Verry Hb[l] Ser[vt]
W[m] WILLIAMS
Major Gen[l] Command[g]

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq[r] Cap[t] Gen[l] of the State Sharon N London, C July 29

[Endorsed] Major Gen[l] Williams 28. July 1813 — rec[d] 3rd Aug. answ[d] 6th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES WARD

[3:85]

SHARON 29. July 1813 —

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 27th instant is received — In reply I have only time to observe that the letter I left in your care for General Williams, if it has been duly forwarded by mail, will have furnished him with discretionary orders to release such part of the militia as were under the necessity of returning to their respective homes —

You will undoubtedly continue to supply our troops with rations until some arrangement is made for this purpose by the Gen[l] Government — or until you receive orders to suspend the supplies —

In haste I am D[r] Sir yours
very sincerely
J. C. SMITH —

Col. WARD —

[Endorsed] To Col. Ward 29. July 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN MIX

[3:86]

SHARON 29. July 1813 —

Sir

Gen[l] Williams informs me by letter that *tents* are necessary at New London —

I think it will be expedient for you to repair to that post without delay and direct suitable accommodations for the troops. If houses cannot be obtained on reasonable terms it is obvious the tents lately provided must be appropriated to this Service — a circumstance much to be regretted however unavoidable —

I am Sir respectfully your
very Ob[t] Ser[t]
J. C. SMITH

Col. MIX Q. M. General
[Endorsed] To Col. Mix Q.M.G. 29. July 1813 —

JEREMIAH STURGES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:87]

MILL RIVER July 30. 1813

His Exell[y] John C. Smith Esq[r] Gov[r] of the State of Conn[t] —

Sir

Considering the Espos[d] Situation of this place and the Increasing Dangers from the Enemies Barges, the Inhabitants having no Munitions of War nor Even Authority to Act in Case of An Attack, I beg leave to inform your Excellency that the most of the Inhabitants that are Really, and Also who Consider themselves Exemps by Law from Military Duty Imediately after your Exellency Visited this Port Volunteer[d] their Services to the State, agreable to your Excellencys Recommendation, and since Fourteen Others has Joined the Comp[y], and Ware by the Order of Adj[t] Gen[ll] Eb[r] Huntington led to a Choice of Officers on the 30th of June Under the Imediate Inspection of Gershom Burr Esq[r], who was Requested & promise to make Imediate Returns to your Excel-

lency that as little delay as possible might be Experienced in Receiving the Commissions and Necessary Supplies for Defence and protection with your Excellency orders how to proceed, but not having Rec^{d} or heard any thing of Either, we are apprehensive that some accident has prevented the safe Conveyance of the Returns to your Excellency or some other Cause unknown to us has prevented —

With sentiments of Respect —
Sir your Excellencys most
Ob^{t} Humble serv^{t} &c
for the Inhabitants of Mill River
JEREMIAH STURGES

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr Govr of the State of Connecticut Sharon Fairfield 30 July 10

[Endorsed] Capt. Jer^{h} Sturges Mill River — 30 July 1813 rec^{d} 3. Aug. — answrd 4th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ABEL ROSSETER

[3:88]

SHARON 30. July 1813 —

Sir,

On my return from Hartford I found your letter of the 16th instant which duly arrived here in my absence —

At the late meeting of the council the expediency of attempting to defend our sea board by a stationary force was fully considered. That honourable body are of opinion that no disposition is at present manifested by the British to commit depredations on the land — that it is evidently their sole object to interrupt or destroy our navigation by seizing every vessel within their reach — that as the State does not possess the means of protecting our maritime commerce, it will be prudent for our citizens to draw up their shipping of every kind as far out of the reach of the enemy as possible, and leave those who will adventure their property on the Sound to incur the risque and hazard of their own presumption. The Council have therefore advised that, under existing circumstances, no troops be stationed on any part of the coast west of Say-

brook. To this advice I shall feel myself bound to conform. Accordingly it will not be expected that the militia are to be called into the field upon every appearance of a hostile vessel on the coast, and it is hoped that our officers will exercise with great caution and prudence the powers vested in them by the statute.

I entertain no doubt, sir, you acted under a sense of duty in the instance to which you refer, and your conduct is therefore approved — but I trust you will be careful in future not to draw out the force under your command, except in case of actual invasion, or unless circumstances unequivocally indicate such to be the intention. If the character of this unhappy war shall change, and a system of depredation on our territory commence, every effort will be made by the State government to protect and preserve the lives & property of our fellow citizens —

I am Sir respectfully your
Ob^{t} & hum ser^{t}
J. C. Smith

Col. Rosseter —
[Endorsed] To Col. Rosseter — copy —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[3:89]

Sharon 30. July 1813 —

Sir

Your favour of the 26th instant is received. If the letter I wrote you from Hartford of the same date has duly come to hand you will find I had anticipated your wishes in regard to the dismission of the militia then in service — as you are therein expressly authorized at your discretion & provided it could be done with safety to release such as were under a pressing necessity of returning to their respective homes —

I am not a little surprized, after the solemn assurances of the Secretary of war, to the contrary that no arrangements have yet been made to furnish our troops with the necessary supplies. General Burbeck may be informed by you that this

state of things cannot long exist — If the State of Connecticut furnish men, the extent of its obligation to the union in this respect is fulfilled; and if pay & subsistence are not provided by the general government, the Service, as would be the case with their own regular troops, must be abandoned — I should greatly deplore an event of this kind, but it can be prevented only by the early & prompt attention of the war department —

I have written to the Q. M. General on the subject of procuring accommodations for the troops either by taking houses at a reasonable rate or furnishing tents —

Surgeons & surgeons mates are detailed by the late order for a new detachment —

I am Sir very respectfully your
ob^t & hum. ser^t

Major Genl Wm WILLIAMS New London
[Endorsed] To Major Genl Williams 30. July 1813 — copy

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JEREMIAH STURGES

[3:90]

SHARON 4. August 1813 —

Sir

Your favour of the 30th ult^o is received —

No return has been made to me of the choice of officers in your company of volunteers. It was probably transmitted by Col. Burr to the Adjutant General, whose absence from the state about that period has doubtless prevented my receiving the due notice. I have now ordered him if the return has reached his office to make out and issue the commissions without farther delay. In the mean time it is my desire that the gentlemen chosen to office in the company consider themselves authorized to act, should the approach of the enemy render it necessary. I had not been unmindful of the requisite supplies. Powder and grape shot have been already forwarded by the Q. M. General as he has informed me; and I directed that officer at my last interview with him to send you a quantity of the round shot lying in Danbury, the only kind in the state suited to the caliber of your gun —

The mayor of each city and the civil authority of each town where ammunition is deposited are respectively charged with its distribution as the necessity of the case may require.

I am Sir respectfully your Ob^{t} & very hum. ser^{t}

J. C. SMITH

P. S. It is probable the ammunition intended for your post is placed in the magazine at Bridgeport — If so it will be delivered to the order of the civil authority of Fairfield —

Capt. JER^{h} STURGES

[Endorsed] To Capt. Jer. Sturges

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO MOSES READ

[3:91]

SHARON 4. August 1813

Sir

Your letter of the 27th which was directed to me at N. London has been duly forward from that place —

I receive with much satisfaction the assurance you offer me in behalf of the military Exempts in your vicinity, of a disposition "to defend the rights and privileges purchased "by the blood of our Fathers" — Nothing seems wanting to give this disposition its full effect but to form yourselves into an association under the acts of the legislature passed in August and October last for raising certain volunteer corps. When duly organized I will immediately direct the Quartermaster General to furnish you with such munitions of war as your situation and circumstances may require. I am not authorized to place either the arms or ammunition of the state in the hands of any portion of our citizens who do not belong to some military body recognized by law. Indeed a little reflection must convince every one that collections of armed men not associated under any existing law cannot act with Safety either to themselves or to the community. The acts of the General Assembly just mentioned are admirably calculated for the present condition of our country particularly on the Sea-coast. Accordingly very many of our

citizens on the Sea board who are otherwise legally exempted from military duty are availing themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them of uniting their efforts, under the authority of the State, for their own immediate protection — nor can I bring myself to doubt that the good people of Five Mile river who have been so dearly taught the value of their rights, will be less forward in adopting the proper measures to protect & preserve them —

I am Sir respectfully your very obedient
Servant —

Mr Moses Read
A form of association subjoined —
and assurance volunteers should
not be *ordered* from their neighborhood &c —
thirty considered sufficient number for an artillery comp.
[Endorsed] To Mr Moses Read — draught of answer

LINUS PARMELEE JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:92]

Haddam August 5th 1813 —

His Excellency John Cotton Smith, Esqr

Sir,

Having recieved a commission in the 2nd Company of Artillery, of the military corps raised for the defence of the State of Connecticut, and having also been recently appointed Pay Master to the Battalion of Artillery, I am induced to request a discharge from the Office of Pay Master of the 7th Regmt. of Connecticut Militia, which I have held for a number of years past. Your Excellency will discover that it must be extremely inconvenient, if not impracticable for me to perform the duties of the Offices, incident to the two different Corps. Arrangements were made for my discharge, previous to the lamented death of Genl. Merriman, but in consequence of that event have never been carried into execution.

Colonel Sill, who commands the 7th Regmt of militia, deems it improper to make an appointment of Pay Master in the Staff of his Regmt. untill I shall have been discharged

in the ordinary mode. I trust your Excellency will be of opinion that I ought to be discharged from that Office, unless the subsequent appointments which have been confered upon me operate as an effectual discharge, which in the opinion of many is considered questionable.

I am with sentiments of Respect
Your Excellencies
Obedient
Servt
LINUS PARMELEE, JR.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH, Esqr Sharon Haddam C^t^ August 6 Paid 10

[Endorsed] L. Parmelee J^r^ Esqr requesting a discharge as paymaster 7. Reg^t^ answ^d^ 26. Aug. 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO LINUS PARMELEE

SHARON 26. Aug. 1913

Sir

I will cheerfully comply with your request to be discharged from the office of paymaster in the 7th reg^t^ of militia on your producing a recommendation from your colonel as is usual & proper in other cases —

I am Sir &c
J. C. S.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[3:93]

SHARON 6. Aug. 1813 —

Sir

Your favour of the 28th ult^o^ is received and has afforded me much satisfaction —

You have undoubtedly done well in discharging the 3rd and 8th regiments — I concur with you in opinion that it is reasonable to relieve Capt French's company of artillery and

you are at liberty to do so by the advice of Gen[l] Burbeck provided a more alarming state of things has not taken place since the date of your letter — The same company can be recalled at such short notice that probably Gen[l] Burbeck will not think it necessary to ask an additional company in their stead — If he should nevertheless consider it *indispensable* I have written to the adjutant general to issue the requisite order to whom application may be made accordingly — But with the force which the new detachment will create at N. London and the little prospect of any sudden attack from the enemy I feel quite confident any farther draughts from the country at present will not be solicited —

I learn with much pleasure that the militia are to be shortly paid — and I trust provision for the Subsistence of the troops either by actual supplies or pecuniary advances will not be delayed —

I am Sir respectfull your
ob[t] ser[t] J. C. S. —

Gen[l] WILLIAMS —

[Endorsed] To Gen[l] Williams 6. Aug. 1813 —

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:94]

NEW LONDON 9th August 1813

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ultimo. —

General Burbeck assures me that arrangements are making by the U. S. Contractors to supply our troops & that on Thursday next they will commence delivering out rations, waiting only till ovens can be erected on the Groton side of the river.

I am informed by Gen. Burbeck that he is now authorized to deliver amunition to the troops stationed here that he will furnish powder immediately & balls when he shall recieve them.

Gen. Isham has mentioned to me, that he has recieved a letter from the Pay-Master for this Destrict; stating, that he was waiting for instructions & funds from Government & that when he recieves them, he will pay the troops that have dismissed from this post —

The men detached under the order of the Ajutant General for 500 Militia have mostly arrived — as have the troops detached from the State Corps — The Militia, I have stationed at Groton & the State troops on this side of the river near the light house. They are a fine body of men & have excited the admiration of all who have seen them. From the acquaintance I have formed with the officers of both Corps, I am enabled to assure you, that much will be done & that every attention will be paid to the discipline, hea[l]th & comfort of the men

The Enemy's force now in sight, consists of one 74 & one Frigate, which yesterday took a position off the harbour within four or five miles of the Light House, for the purpose, it is supposed, of intercepting a fleet of Gunboats, which are daily expected here from New York. It is reported; with how much truth, I am unable to determine, that our Frigates will come down the river as soon as Fort Griswold is completed, which may possibly be, within a fortnight.

I am Sir,
very respectfully
your Excellcy's
Obt. Hble.
Servt.
Wm Williams Major General Commanding

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith Esq
Capt General of the State of Connect. &c &c.

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr
Captain General, Sharon.

[Endorsed] Genl W. Williams 9. Aug. 1813 — rec^d^ 18th — answ^d^ D^o^

JOHN ARMSTRONG TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:95]

War Department
August 9th 1813

Sir,

Herewith inclosed your Excellency will receive a Copy of the Contract of Mr James Byers for supplying all Rations required for Troops in Service of the United States, within the State of Connecticut.

Whenever militia are called out, the Contractor, or his ajent should be required to Supply according to the Contract.

I am Sir, very Respectfully
Your Excellency's,
Most obedt Servant.
JOHN ARMSTRONG

His Excy Governor SMITH
Connecticut

[Endorsed] Secretary of War 9. Aug. 1813 — Accompanied by a copy of J. Byer's contract for Supplies &c

GENERAL ORDERS

[3:96]

SHARON 10. August AD 1813

The Captain General has Seen and considered the record of proceedings before a court martial, whereof Colonel Abel Hall is president, begun and held at Fairfield on the third day of instant August by order of the Brigadier General of the fourth brigade, for the trial of Zalmon B. Banks Lieutenant of the fifth company in the fourth regiment of infantry, under arrest for disobedience of orders and neglect of duty.

The Captain General is constrained to observe that the complaint in this case is altogether indefinite, the charges not being sufficiently set forth by the proper specifications; and consequently the objection made on that ground by the accused, ought not to have been overruled by the court. But inasmuch as on a full hearing of the evidence the court have

pronounced the prisoner not guilty of any offence, the Captain General Approves the sentence.

It is accordingly ordered that the court martial, whereof Colonel Abel Hall is president, be and the same is hereby dissolved —

JOHN COTTON SMITH
Captain General —

[Endorsed] General order on the Sentence of a Court Martial 10. August 1813 — The record transmitted to the Secretary's office 12th Augt (by Mr Perkins—)

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JAMES WARD

[3:97]

Head quarters N L Augt 14 1813

Sir

I have this day recd a line from Nath[l] Ives & Jos G Norton subcontractors to the United States, Stating that by advice from Gen[l] Henry Burbeck that they will commence issuing rations to the Connt State troops & Militia stationed near New London tomorrow morning — any further supply of rations to the Connt troops under my command will be discontinued excepting forage & wood which you will continue to furnish

I am Sr
Obt Servt
Wm WILLIAMS Majr
Gen[l] Commandant

JAMES WARD Esqr
Commissary Gen[l]

JAMES WARD TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[3:97]

NEW LONDON 12 August 1813

Gen[l] William Williams Sr

Yesterday I wrote Gen[l] Burbeck requesting him to inform me whether the U S would supply the Connecticut troops

at this place and its vicinity & how soon, he has called on me this morning and says that it is understood betwen you and himself when the U S supply of rations will commence —

Will you have the goodness to inform me in writing when the supply of rations and forage to the Connecticut troops will commence that I may regulate the affairs of my office accordingly —

I am S^{r} with respect
Yours &c
JAMES WARD Comm^{y} Genl
State Connecticut

P. S. Your answer left at Mr Goddards office this morning will be a great convenience to me —

JAMES WARD TO HENRY BURBECK

[3:97]

NEW LONDON 11 August 1813

S^{r}

Some time since I was informed by Adjutant Genl Huntington that the secretary of War assured him that the militia at New London would in future be supplied by the United States, I requested Hezekiah Goddard Esqr my assistant to call on you for the promised supply, he informed me that you gave for answer that you was not yet prepared, since which I have received orders from his Exellency Govr Smith to continue the commissary supplys unless furnished by the U S (which it was expected would have ben done before this)

Will you have the goodness to inform me whether the Connecticut troops at New London and its vicinity will be furnished by the U S, and how soon, that I may regulate the affairs of the State commissary department accordingly

I am S^{r} with respect
your humble Servt
JAMES WARD Comm^{y} Genl
State Connecticut

To Gen[l] Henry Burbeck
Commanding the U S
troops at New London

S[r] This morning I addressed a letter to you in which I now recollect that I did not mention the importance (to me) of an early answer —

Your reply this evening or early tomorrow morning will be a great conveniance to me

Yours respectfully
James Ward

Otis tavern
Wednesday 6 oClock P. M.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:98]

Head Quarters New London Aug[t] 15, 1813

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq[r]
Sir

Your favors of the 6 & 11[t] Instant are boath before me Cap[t] French's company has been discharged with the advice & approbation of Gen[l] Burbeck, and the detachment which volunteered their services under a Lieu[t] untill the arrival of an adequate force was also discharged, as soon as Col[o] Howe & Shepard arrived — agreeable to my instructions from the Adj[t] Gen[l], the troops stationed at Saybrook & Stonington have been relieved by detachments from the Troops under my command

As the Enemy at present menace no immediate attack upon N London or the United States Squadron, it will not in my opinion be necessary to call in a Company in lieu of Cap[t] French's, but should there be Eminent danger, and it is considered advisable I shall avail my self of the power granted by your Excellency and call on the Adjutant Gen[l] for that purpose.

It will afford me much satisfaction to have the Militia shortly paid as it will have a happy effect — Gen[l] Burbeck

informs me that Col^{o} Kingsbury has rec^{d} a letter advising him that the pay master will be here in the cours of this week — The contractor of the United States yesterday commenced his supplies and I hope will furnish such rations in quality as will render all complaints groundless — when the Troops ware furnished by this State they ware supplied with potatoes, this although not strictly within the contract was rendered justifiable as it surved to keep the troops contented with their fare — and as it was attended with so trifling an expence, about 2/3 of a Cent p day per Man will cover this charge, which is certainly verry inconsiderable, and without which there is and will be some complaints, add to this the health of the Troops will be benefitted by the supply — I therefore submit to your Excellency the propriety of enabling me to furnish potatoes at the Cheapest rate possible at the Cost of this State, and for which the United States contractor is not liable by their contract for rations, and for which all the Troops here make a loud and audable call — should the rations furnished by the U States contractor, be deficent in quantaty or quality I shall avail myself of evry legal and proper method to obtain redress; as I feel a strong public & personal obligation to render the force now under my command as comfortable as their necessary privations will allow — I realize fully the delay & expence attending a discharge of the Troops and calling in others in their stead, and shall therefore verry cheerfully comply with your Excellency recommendation and grant furloughs in cases of necessity with as much liberality as the [p]ublic service will admit,

It aught to be remarked that the Contractor of the U States is under no obligation to furnish forage or fuel, Mr Ward the Commissary Genl of this State has been by me discharged so far as concerns subsistance for the men, but I cannot yet discharge him from furnishing forage & fuel, the first particularly for the Cavalry and artillery, and the latter for all the Troops, though he is solisitus to get rid of these supplies, as they are not an object worth his attention in a pecuniary View — the supplys of fuel to the U States Troops in this Vicinity has been by special contract with some indi-

vidual, independant of subsistance of the men — forage has not been required by their troops, what arrangements can be made to accommodate Mr Ward I submit to your Excellency as I should be gratified that his personal convenience and advantage should be consulted so far as not to predudice the public.

Enclosed I have the honour to hand your Excellency a communication from a number of prisoners on board his Britanic Majestys Ship Ramillies, it was traught [brought] by a flag on friday last, but as the object of the communication learned from the officer of the flag, proved to be a subject for the interferances of the Goverment of the United States soley, I did not deem it expediant to subject the State to the expence of sending an express, which I shall do in any matter of [p]ublic moment which may require your Excellency immediate attention — two horsemens Tents would be verry usefull for the field officers of the Regiments as they wish to encamp with their Troops, I think the Service would be much benefited by the arrangement

I am Very Resptfy
Your Ob^{t} serv^{t}
Wm Williams Mj^{r} Genl
Commanding —

[Endorsed] Genl W. Williams 15. Aug. 1813 — rec^{d} 18th answ^{d} D^{o}

JAMES WARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:99]

New London 15 Augt 1813

Sr

Enclosed I send you coppy of my letter to Genl Burbeck & Genl Williams & Genl Williams answer by which you will see that the U S have assumed the supply of rations to the Conn^{t} troops and that Genl Williams demand for forage & wood from me makes it necessary to keep up my establishment of office & clerk hire as before, which I shall continue to do

untill I hear from you, I shall return to Hartford on Thursday

To His Excellency
Gov SMITH
Sharon

with considerations of respect
I am S^{r} your humble serv^{t}
JAMES WARD

Dear Sr Believing that you will like to know familiarly what passes here I take the liberty to write as it occurs to me — the U S rations were issued this morning for the first time a part of the provision were returned as bad and shewn to Genl Burbeck & other U S officers who condemned it — tomorrow there is to be an inspection which will probably bring to light the impositions practiced on the U S troops for want of some one to complain to the superior officers for them — altho this looks a little like making them do justice I am affraid that it is not in their power for want of good and wholsome provision if they are ever so well disposed to do right

I have thought proper not to sell the provision on hand to them for fear they will issue it out to U S troops or mix it with there own & eventually I shall be call,d on to furnish on short notice — the provision I have on hand is of the first quality & gave universal satisfaction, the usual cost of one of my rations is three cents more than one of theirs — you will probably hear more about this from the officers by the next mail —

There has ben a great deal of work done to fort Griswould but not finished, Genl Burbecks opinion is that the ships will not come down before Oct^{r} —

Yesterday morning it was reported that one of the two British ships was on the rocks in a calm, our two gun boats came down the river towed by fifteen barges maned by five hundred men which was a beatifull sight, they had furnaces hot ready for action & Decature & Jones & nearly all the town was down on Western point to see the ships taken but a sudden south west wind & the moving of the ships induced them to stop at the light house & row back again —

I rec^{d} a long & civil letter from paymaster Eakins of N York — he wrote so prompt about the pay of troops as soon as he was informed how much money was wanting, for fear

he would tender his money at N London before Genl Isham was ready for him I sent Genl Isham a coppy of his letter which opened correspondence betwen them, Mr Eakins closes his letter to Genl Isham, that he shall come to N London to pay the troops, is only waiting for money and orders from Washington

With respect your
friend
JAMES WARD

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr SMITH Sharon Conn^{t}
N. London, C. Augt 16 Paid 10

[Endorsed] Col. J^{s} Ward Com. Genl 14. Aug. 1813 —

PETITION

[3:100]

Camp NEW LONDON August 16th 1813

To his Exencelly John C. Smith Capt General

Sir your petitioner's humbly take the libberty to address your Excellency, and petition for releifs after the expiration of 45 days from the time we ware called out making the Tour equal to the time for which the St Troops & Militia are drafted for — And as a reason your petitioners beg leave to represent, that they ware called at a more difficult season of the year for people to leave there farming and other business.

We have been out more or less eversince the 10th of June for the defence of those invaded — And in consequence of this our domestick concerns have suffered most severly, and in some cases most deplorably — We have been absent through harvesting and getting our english hay — and the season for cutting salt hay, a crop on which we make great dependance, and which almost evry one of the company are more or less interested in: and the season for cutting it is now approaching

Provided your Excellency will condescend to discharge us at the expiration of Forty five days we shall be enabled to secure the crop — which will prevent our cattle from starving, and our families from suffering.

After the Interview Capt Jewett had with your Excellency, he informed us by letter, that your Excellency agreed "that our company were intitled to relief, and that you were unwilling that our Company should be burdened to serve any longer than the Companies last called in (viz.) forty Five days. And that in conversation your Excellency stated expressly that you had no objection to our company's receiving a furlough for the length of time we were in before the rest" (viz.) Sixteen days; But from your letter to General Williams inclosed in his — the General could not think himself impowered to give the Company a Furlough for the time stated for which reason your Petitioners are likely to be obliged to extend their Tour of duty longer than the other Troops.

We humbly trust your Excellency will consider our circumstances, and condescend to grant our petition — Sir doing which you will much oblige Your verry

Humble, most devoted &
Obedient Servants

WILLIAM C. BULL Lieut. Commanding
first Company Artillery State Troops
WILLIAM BULL Lieut
NOAH WALKER Lieut
By an ernest request of Said Company
LINUS PRATT CLARK

[Superscribed] To his Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon Connecticut N. London, C Augt 18 Paid 10

[Endorsed] W. C. Bull & others representation — rec^{d} 22^{d} Augt answ^{d} 24th

JAMES WARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:101]

HARTFORD 17 August 1813

S^{r}

I wrote you from New London the 15th Early monday morning Genl Williams had the U S beef & pork inspected, after turning by several barrels as bad, he was presented with that which was good and satisfactory, this made my further

stay there unnecessary, the flour will undergo a similar inspection —— In consequence of the impositions in two days provisions U S (by advice of our officers) I ordered the State provision retained for the use of our troops if necessary

Respectfully your
humble servt
JAMES WARD

To his Excelly Govr SMITH
Sharon

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Connt paid

[Endorsed] Col. Js Ward Com. Genl 17. Aug. 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[3:102]

SHARON 18. Aug. 1813 —

Dear Sir

I have the satisfaction to acknowledge the rect of your favours of the 9th & 15th instant —

It is not a little surprizing the U. S. contractors have no instructions to issue vegetables of some sort to the national & state troops — I entirely concur with you in opinion that supplies of the kind, potatoes at least, must be essential to the health of the men — I understand the Secretary of war agreed with Genl Huntington that our troops should be thus furnished — But at any rate if they require potatoes I think they must as heretofore be supplied — you will obtain the article as reasonably as possible —

Whether we have any officer's tents compleated I am not informed — The Deputy Q. M. General at N. London will doubtless be able to acquaint you, and under the order I have already given will deliver them if provided & on hand —

The representation from the prisoners on board the British Squadron, enclosed in your letter I have already forwarded to the Secretary of State —

It is clearly my opinion that forage and fuel must be furnished by the National government — If their contractors

have no directions to this effect, it is certainly competent for Gen[l] Burbeck to issue the necessary orders and see them executed —

I trust the U. S. will perceive the necessity of attending to the payment of the troops at [ ] before the present detachment shall be disbanded — at which time the latter will also expect their dues to be discharged — I am gratitfied that rations are at length issued and that the munitions of war are to be liberally supplied —

With the warmest wishes for your success in the arduous duties assigned you I am D[r] sir your

obedient & very humble ser[t]

Major Gen[l] WILLIAMS

Endorsed] To Gen[l] W. Williams 18. Aug. 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO STEPHEN DECATUR

[3:103]

SHARON 18. August 1813 —

Sir,

Should this letter require an apology, it will be found in the sincere esteem I entertain for you personally, and in the concern which I cannot but feel for the public interest.

I am credibly informed you have accused Brigadier General Isham of crimes which affect him in the highest degree both as a citizen and a Soldier. These charges have been made, either deliberately and from a conviction of their truth, or unadvisedly in a moment of irritation. In the former case, you are no doubt prepared to substantiate them by the proper evidence, and a sense of what is due to public justice bids me assure you that an opportunity shall be afforded you for that purpose. But if, as is not improbable, the expressions have escaped you in an unguarded hour, I think I do not mistake your character in believing you will not deny General Isham a just reparation; especially when you reflect that he is not allowed *to choose* his own method of obtaining satisfaction — Whatever may be his impressions with respect to the solemn sanctions of those laws human and divine which would here

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be most rigorously enforced, it is impossible he can be insensible to the state of public opinion in Connecticut. If he values his reputation amongst his own citizens, if he regards at all his present peace or his future prospects, he cannot select *that mode of redress* which some men of honour profess to hold as exclusively appropriate. You have then before you an *unarmed* victim! — Will you strike, if not at his life, at that which is still dearer than life? — Your magnanimity, Sir, which is not the least of your eminent qualities, and the respect you are disposed to pay to the sentiments of a whole people who would cheerfully devote themselves to your preservation, will furnish a ready answer to this question. Should therefore no satisfactory explanations take place I must presume you view the charges as well founded; in which event it will become my duty to institute a rigid inquiry.

I shall be gratified by a communication from you upon this subject, of which no other use will be made than such as you may explicitly direct —

With the greatest respect and esteem I am
Sir your obedient and very humble servant
JOHN COTTON SMITH

Commodore DECATUR
[Endorsed] To Com^re S. Decatur 18. Aug. 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES MONROE

[3:104]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 19. Aug. 1813—

Sir

The enclosed representation, which the officer commanding the troops of this state at N. London received by a flag of truce from the British squadron lying before that place, has this day come to hand and is now forwarded in full confidence that the earliest attention will be paid to it by the National government —

I have the honour to be
very respectfully Sir
Your obedient and humble
Servant J. C. SMITH

The Honourable
JAMES MONROE
Secretary of State —

Mem^{d} — The paper enclosed was a petition addressed to the Govr of Connecticut signed by certain prisoners on board the Ramiellies praying to be exchanged — nine in number to wit —

Capt. John Fowler N. York
Mr John McCollom D^{o}
George Feres D^{o}
Capt. John P. Norton — Mass^{tts}
Mr Bartlett Pearce D^{o}
Syphan Eaton — R. Island
George E. Jackson D^{o}
Edward Jones D^{o}
Samuel Barns N. London —
Petition dated 13. Aug. 1813 —

[Endorsed] To J. Monroe Sec^{y} of State 19. Aug. 1813 —

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:105]

NEW LONDON August 20^{h} 1813

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr

Sir

My Aid, Major Thos S Perkins, the Bearer of this has been by me dispatched to you as an Express. My reasons for sending him are that difficulties have occurred in the supplies furnished by the United States & that those difficulties require immediate Redress. Your Excellency will find herein a copy of all that part of the Contract made by the contractor with the United States which is material to the present purpose.

Under the clause stipulating to furnish Beef or pork the contractor claims it to be optional with him to supply either — Of course during the whole tour of Duty the troops may or may not receive one ounce of pork. — It is also claimed by the contractor that the Supply of *Cyder Brandy* is a compliance with the contract to furnish *Rum, Whiskey or Brandy* & that ¾ Rye & ¼ Wheat is a discharge of the obligation to supply

flour. — In addition to this the provisions viz, the Beef & pork already furnished has generally been miserable & I shall pursue regular steps to have the same condemned. It is surely a great hardship that the Militia & State Troops of Connecticut are to fare in the manner in which they have done since the United States commenced their Supplies. A worse article for health than Cyder Brandy was never manufactured & the flour ought all of it to be fine or superfine wheat flour & the Beef & Pork to be furnished in some regular proportion or alternately. The process to obtain other supplies is slow & may not be effectual if the contractor has a right to deliver the articles as claimed by him & I see no mode but to supply the Troops by the Contractor of this State. Under the present supplies neither the militia nor state Troops are contented & it will be absolutely necessary to change their provision for the better. Major Perkins will now fully explain to your Excellency the various difficulties which at present exist. Except the dissatisfaction expressed by the Troops on account of the provision not a murmur is heard. Lieu^{t} Col Shepherd has also thought best to write you upon the subject & will probably go more into detail as he with his officers are all in Camp & see all the provisions Supplied

I have the pleasure to inform your Excellency that the paymaster of the United States is in Town & is paying off the amount due to the militia for their former Services & I learn from Genl Isham that the paymaster says that if the payroll of the present Troops is made out for their time of service the money shall be furnished & the men paid before they leave New London.

With Sentiments of Respect
I remain your Excellencys
Obt Ser^{t}
Wm Williams Maj^{r}
Genel Comm[an]ding

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith Esquire Sharon
Maj^{r} Perkins

[Endorsed] Genl Williams — 20. Aug. 1813 rec^{d} by express
21^{t} — Bad provisions — answ —

TIMOTHY SHEPARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:106]

Camp near NEW LONDON Aug 20th AD 1813

Sir

Majr Genl Williams informs me that he is about sending a communication to your Excellency respecting the provisions delivered by the United States Contractor to the troops stationed here, — I have thot it my duty to State to your Excellency such facts as have fallen under my own observation; On the 16th instt the United States commenced supplying the Troops — since which time we have had continual complaints respecting the provisions Some of which I inspected my self were so bad as in my opinion to be seriously prejudicial to the health of the Troops. I ordered them out of Camp & recd instead those of *no better* and many of the Messes were obliged to thro away a part of their provisions and of Course obliged to dispence with their meals. Genl Williams has done and Continues to do every thing for our accommodation which we can ask or expect — but it is not in his power entirely to remidy the evil While we are assailed with complaints of bad provisions & know those complaints are well grounded we cannot prosecute the important duties of this campaign as is & will be expected by Your Excellency — While the State Contractor supplied, we heard no complaint our men were in good spirits and no difficulty existed The men have borne with bad provision with as little complaint as could be expected from men accostomed to their manner of life but it has been continued so long that the complaint grows serious & I feel that some remidy should be applied — If the Exertions which the Majr Genl is now making should be unsuccessful [ ] remedying the evil we hope your Excellency will order the State Troops supplied by the State Contractor. If some provisional remidy of this kind could be adapted much time of the officers which is now almost entirely devoted to the affairs

of the Kitchen might be as is expected imployed in disiplining the troops and in common defence

I am Sir with respect your
Excellency most Obed^{t}
humble Servt
TIM^{o} SHEPARD

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Sharon Con^{t}
[Endorsed] Col. Shephard — 20. Aug. 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[3:107]

SHARON 21. Aug. 1813 —

Dear Sir

Major Perkins has delivered me your despatches under date of yesterday — I exceedingly regret the uneasiness expressed by our troops at the supplies furnished by the United States, and especially do I lament that there should be any solid ground of discontent — It has hitherto been my earnest endeavour and is now my ardent wish that the men should be rendered in every respect as comfortable as their condition and the nature of the service will allow. If the contractor does not fulfill his engagements according to their fair import, a remedy is provided. It is pointed out in his covenant and should be resorted to without hesitation or delay. You will doubtless consider it your duty to cause *a survey* of the provisions to be made pursuant to the method directed in the contract. In this measure I trust Genl Burbeck will cooperate with you. He must see the indispensable necessity, if the service is to continue, of silencing all well grounded complaints —

As the U. States have commenced the supplies it is not in my power to interfere by directing issues from our commissary. The inevitable consequence of such a step would be to subject the state to the whole expense without the hope of indemnity — a measure which I could not justify. I have the fullest confidence that Genl Burbeck will take care that no injustice is done to the men, and in your prudence and caution I place the utmost reliance —

A majority of the Council will be at New Haven next tuesday week. I shall also attend and will then consult with them upon this interesting subject — and shall at the same time take their opinion on the expediency of a new detachment to relieve the present at the expiration of their term of service —

In extreme haste I am Dear Sir
your very ob^{t} ser^{t}
J. C. S.

Major Genl WILLIAMS
[Endorsed] To Genl Williams —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HENRY BURBECK

[3:108]

SHARON 21. August 1813 —

Sir

I perceive by a communication this day received from General Williams that our troops at New London are not satisfied with the quality of the supplies furnished them — You are no doubt Sir sufficiently apprized of the very great importance of removing all just cause of uneasiness — and I entertain the fullest confidence that every prudent & reasonable measure will be adopted by you for this purpose — Hitherto the militia of Connecticut have served cheerfully — and if we would preserve their disposition amongst them it is essential that they be rendered as comfortable as their condition and the nature of the service will allow —

As the period for which the present detachment were called out will expire about the middle of next month, it is necessary for me to [be] informed by you whether another detachment is expected and their number — Will not your present circumstances & prospects justify a reduction of the force? —

I shall be at New Haven on the 31st instant — Be pleased to write me on this subject directed to that place, to the care of the *Honourable David Daggett* —

I am Sir respectfully your very ob^{t} ser^{t}

J. C. SMITH —

Genl BURBECK

[Endorsed] To Genl Burbeck — 21. Aug. 1813 —

ROBERT GATES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:109]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Commander in Chief in & over the forces of the State of Connecticut

Sir —

Permit me to enquire whether under the existing Laws of this State the Commander of a Company, enlisted under the act, entitled "an act to establish a military Corps for the Defence of this State", passed in October 1813, is invested with Authority to call out his Company at any time for exercise & Discipline, or on 4 days in a year only, or either, without a previous order from the Commander in Chief, I have hitherto felt myself controlled by what appears to be a plain restriction of my authority to call out the company I have the honor to command by the 7th Paragraph of said act. Your Excellency will suffer me further to be informed whether the certificate of Enlistment provided for noncommissioned Officers & privates in the 10th Paragraph of s^{d} Act is intended to comprehend Equipment according to Law.

I have the honor to be Your Excellencys very Obed^{t} Servt

ROBERT GATES Commanding 3^{d} Com^{py} state art^{y}

DERBY Augt 24th 1813

[Superscribed[His Ex^{cy} JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon

[Endorsed] Capt. Robt Gates — 24. Aug. 1813 — rec^{d} 28th — answ^{d} D^{o}

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ROBERT GATES

[3:110]

SHARON 28. Aug. 1813 —

Sir

I have received your letter of the 24th instant — On a late consultation with the Brig^{d} Genl and several field officers

of the military corps, it was thought adviseable not to issue immediately a general order directing the manner of calling out the corps for discipline & inspection — The incomplete state of several companies, especially as to numbers, seemed to require a little longer delay — It was, however my confident expectation that the commissioned officers were very attentive to the important business of drilling their men either in sections or by whole companies — and as far as I could learn this duty has been very faithfully performed — At no distant day the proper orders will be issued for an inspection — It is not improbable, Sir, that your company will be soon called to a short tour of Service —

A certificate of enlistment is all the 10th section requires to excuse the rolls &c from taxation. The legal equipments are enforced by a subsequent act —

I am sir &c

Capt. Gates —
[Endorsed] Robert Gates

JIRAH ISHAM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:111]

New London Augt 28th 1813 —

His Excellency Govr Smith

Sir,

I have had the pleasure to to [sic] receive Your Excellency's esteemed favour of the 18th Inst & would at present only observe that it has produced a degree of quiet & composure to which my mind has, for a long time, been a total stranger — Your prompt & friendly attention to my communication has given me the proud satisfaction to know beyond doubt, that I have the friendship & esteem of your Excellency —

I however trouble you at this time, more especially, to answer the enquiries contained in the Postscript to your last respecting the payment of the Militia

I have the high satisfaction to inform Your Excellency that the Dist. Paymaster U States /Mr Eakin/ arrived here

last Week & has paid to me the Money due to the Troops who have been in Service under my command — He is a liberal correct Gentleman & I have had no difficulty in arranging & doing the business with him —

Still the arrangements are such as to throw all the responsibility & trouble of paying the Troops entirely upon me — Indeed I have been in constant employ ever since the Militia were *discharged* in making out the Muster & Pay Rolls & accounts & now in paying the Troops & closing the other accounts, I shall be under the necessity of devoting my whole time, without compensation, for about two Months longer — Still I shall perform it cheerfully when I reflect that it is but a small part of the Debt which I owe the Troops lately under my command.

With the highest respect & most
Sincere regard
I have the honour to be
Your Excellency's
Obed^{t} Servt
JIRAH ISHAM

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr SMITH New Haven Col^{o} Ward

[Endorsed] Genl Isham — Aug. 1813 —

JEREMIAH STURGES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:112]

MILL RIVER August 21 1813

His Excellency John C. Smith Esqr Govr of the State of Conn^{t}
sir

I beg leave to inform your Excellency that the Commissions for the Officers of the Volunteer Comp^{y} in this place is Rec^{d} the Field piece to be Mounted on a Traveling Carriage with the Necessary Implements and Fifteen Small arms, which was, at the time your Excell^{y} Visited this place Considered Necessary for Defence, have not as yet been Rec^{d}. Neither has any Amunition been furnished although thare has been a

quantity in Fairfield for Some time in the possession of Coll^{n} Gershom Burr, of which the Authority had not been apprized of I call^{d} on Coll^{n} Burr some time since to Enquire if he had any for this place, he replied he had Rec^{d} some powder balls & Canister Shott for the Town & had Concluded at Some Convenient time to make up Thirty six Cartriges and place them under the Care of Edmund Burr Esqr who resides more than half a Mile from the Center of this place, which is Considered by the Inhabitants to be at too great a Distance for obtaining a supply Should any sudden Imergency require it. it is the Wish of the Inhabitants, as thare is none of the authority residing near, that the powder balls &c. might be placed Under the Care and Direction of Some suitable person at a more Convenient place near the Center who will be responsible for the same

I am sir Respectfully your
Excellencys most Ob^{t} & Very Humb^{l} Servt
JEREMIAH STURGES

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr Govr of the State of Connecticut Sharon Fairfield 1 Sept^{t} 10

[Endorsed] Capt. Jer^{h} Sturges — 31. Aug^{t} — 1813 rec^{d} 18. sept. 11 Answ^{d} 18th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN ARMSTRONG

[3:113]

NEW HAVEN 2. Sep^{t} 1813 —

Sir

The bearer Col. James Ward is the commissary general of this state, who by my direction furnished the militia at New London & its vicinity with subsistence until supplies were issued by order of the general government — He now goes to Washington to present his accounts — In a former letter I had the honour to state to you that Col. Ward had made the necessary purchases from his private funds — He has not been reimbursed, nor is the treasury of the state at present in a condition to remunerate him — I trust there will

be no hesitation in adjusting his demands at the War department — or if a complete liquidation cannot now be affected, that monies will be advanced to him in contemplation of a final settlement As the U. States have made no provision for forage & fuel at N. London Col. Ward is still obliged to furnish those articles — I will only add that the government is greatly indebted to him for his active & meritorious exertions in the public service —
[Endorsed] To Sec^{y} of war 2. Sept. 1813 —

SERENO E. DWIGHT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:114]

New Haven Sept 2^{d} 1813

Sir,

In compliance with the directions which your Excellency gave at New Haven I take the liberty to appeal from two fines imposed on me by Major Monson last fall of which I have just had notice The fines were laid without my knowledge The documents proving that I have already paid fines on the same days to Capt. Punderson shall be laid before your Excellency in October next

I am with the highest respect
your Excellencys
most obedient servant
Sereno E. Dwight

His Excellency the Commander in Chief
[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Sharon
[Endorsed] Sereno E. Dwight Esqr Appeal — Rec^{d} 13. Septr 1813

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[3:115]

Sharon 4. Sept. 1813 —

My dear sir —

The enclosed letter from Genl Burbeck and a copy of my answer will sufficiently explain themselves as well as my object

in forwarding them — I conclude you will have already issued *the order* before this despatch arrives, and as I feel the utmost confidence in your prudence, I presume you have proceeded on the presumption that Col. Benjamin's regiment *is to remain at New London* —

I shall hope to hear from you as speedily as possible —

In extreme haste I am D^{r} sir
your friend & ob. ser^{t}
J. C. SMITH

Maj. Genl E. HUNTINGTON —

[Endorsed] To Genl E. Huntington 4. Sept. 1813 — Enclosing a letter from Genl Burbeck & my answer —

HENRY ELD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:116]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq
Commander in Chief & Govenor of the State
of Connecticut

The Petition of Henry Eld humbly Shewith.

That your Petitioner has served in the second Company of Govenors foot Guards in various capacities twelve years, & has now the honour to hold a commission as first Lieutenant in said Company, & would beg leave to state that he has persued the Se-faring life for this 18 months past on foreign voyages, & therefore thinks himself entitled to be excused, on the ground of his being a constant Mariner.

Besides other prejudices to your Petitioner continuing to serve in Your Guards, therefore your Petitioner humbly begs you will accept his resignation, & as in duty bound he will ever pray.

I Remain Your Excellencys
Obd Sv^{t}
HENRY ELD

N HAVEN 7th Septr 1813

Your attention to the above as soon as convenient will be duly appreciated by H. E.

[Superscribed] To his Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Govener of the State of Connecticut Sharon

[Endorsed] Henry Eld's resignation as 1 Lieut. 2nd Co. Foot Guards Recd 27. Oct. 1813 —
Accepted 28th Octr Order issued same day —

ELISHA SILL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:118]

SAYBROOK Septr 7th 1813

To His Excelency John C. Smith Govenour of the State of Connecticut

Sir I would hereby recommend Linus Parmelee Junr Esqr Paymaster of the 7th Regiment of Connecticut Militia for a honbl dismission from his Office in Sd Regmt. As he is now a Lieut in the 2d Company of State Artillery & I concive that he cannot consistantly Act in both offices.

I am Respectfully your
Excelencys most Obedt Servt
ELISHA SILL
Lieut Colo Comt
7th Regt Cont Militia

LINUS PARMELEE JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:117]

HADDAM Sept 7th 1813

Sir,

Enclosed you will find a recommendation from Col Sill for my discharge from the office of Pay Master of the 7th Regiment. The bearer Asahel H. Strong Esqr will transmit to me a discharge should you think proper to grant it.

I am your Excellencies
obdt Servt
LINUS PARMELEE, JR.

His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH, Esqr.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH, Esqr New-Haven

[Endorsed] Linus Parmelee Jr. paymaster 7th Regt request to be discharged — discharged 15th Oct. 1813 —

ENOCH FOOTE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:119]

BRIDGEPORT Sep^{t} 8th 1813

Dear Sir

I have this moment Received inteligence from Col Samuel Dean Commanding the 9th Reg^{t} of Militia that the Enemy has arrived off Stamford, Came into that Harbour, taken one vessel, and fired on his men on Shore and that he has ordered the whole of s^{d} Reg^{t} to be in readiness, and a part are now in actual Service, he requires from me further orders I shall give Col. Dean orders to watch the motions of the enemy, and keep as few men on duty as he thinks will answer, keeping in mind the public good, untill I receive orders from your Excellency - - It is reported here from different quarters and I believe with truth, that a 74. — a Frigate, and Sloop of War is now cruising in the west end of the sound — and in the course of the last 24 Hours have taken from 10 to 20 vessels — the Inhabitants in this place feel themselves in great danger I await your Excellency's orders —

I am in haste your
Obd^{t} Servant
ENOCH FOOTE Brig^{dr}
Genl 4th Brig^{de}

P S I have this moment likewise received an order for a detachment from this Brigade to go to New London, Can your Excellency countermand this order with propriety? as it appears as if all the Troops in this Brigade will be wanting to protect the shore — your order will be punctually obeyed unless countermanded, Mr J. S. Cannon Esqr is with me in advice to send this express. E FOOTE

[Superscribed] His Exellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Capt Genl
Sharon Express

[Endorsed] Brig. Genl E. Foote — 8. Sept. 1813 — By express — rec^{d} 9th 1'o'clock P.M. answ' —

GERSHOM BURR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:120]

FAIRFIELD 9th of Septr 1813

The inhabitants in Saugatuck and Greensfarms were very much alarm'd with the appearance of the Enemy's Ships on the Evening of the 8th Inst. when by the advice of some of the prinipal people Capn Bennett call'd out a part of the Company under his command & gave me immediate information of the fact — I have this day visited that quarter of the town to satisfy myself of the situation of the Enemy — I found the Ships about 10 or 12 Miles below Saugatuck harbour — one at anchor the other underway and standing in for the North shore — She very soon ran in behind a point of land and commenc'd a fire which lasted a few minutes — have not learnt the occasion — I found the Inhabitants in great consternation insisting that something must be done for them — I accordingly order'd Captain Bennitt to divide his Company into squads and to keep a guard for the present — The Enemy have driven off from Mamaroneck 60 or 80 sheep and it is reported that they landed & took off some Cattle from Greenwich last night —

We are very much in want of some Field Ordnance in this place and Saugatuck — The 2-6s one at Saugatuck & the other at this place will answer the purpose if we can be permitted to mount them — they can be mounted in a very economical manner not to cost say to exceed $90 each — we are provided with Amunition but no means of using it should occasion require — I have thought it advisable to order a Sergeants guard at Blackrock and at McKensey's-point in this Society to keep a look out and give the Alarm should the Enemy threaten a landing here —

I am with great respect

Your Excellency,s most obedient servant

GERSHOM BURR Lt Col. Commdr

4th Regt Connt Militia

His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr

Capt Genl Cont Militia

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr Capt Genl Militia Sharon To the care of Mr Beers
[Endorsed] Col. Gershom Burr 9. Sept. 1813 — by express — rec^{d} 11th 12'o'clock —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[3:121]

SHARON 9. Sept. 1813 —

Sir —

Your letter of yesterday by express is received I commend your promptitude in giving me this early information of the operations of the enemy — The inhabitants on the maritime frontier are no doubt under great consternation at these hostile movements, Every prudent measure in my power shall be cheerfully adopted to allay their apprehensions. It is however my opinion that as no disposition has yet been manifested to commit depredations on land, I cannot be justified in keeping up a stationary force in the several towns on the Sea-board — The object of the enemy is evidently to interrupt or destroy our navigation by siezing every vessel within their reach — Prudence would require our citizens, as I early apprized them, to draw their shipping of every kind as far from hostile approach as possible, and leave those who will adventure their property on the sound to incur the risque & hazard of their own presumption — It is impossible for the state to protect our maritime commerce by militia — Under this view the Council have advised that no troops be stationed west of Saybrook, unless a new character shall be given to the war — Perceiving no alteration at present in the system of the enemy, from any intelligence as yet received I feel myself bound to conform to this advice — Accordingly it will not be expected that the militia are to be called into the field upon every appearance of a hostile vessel on the coast — And it is hoped our officers will exercise with great caution the powers vested in them by the statute — They will not draw out the force under their command except in case of actual invasion *or unless unequivocally indicate such to be the intention* of this they must

in the first instance be the judges — I trust I shall be early notified of any alteration in the course hitherto pursued by the enemy — In which event no effort on my part will be unemployed to protect the lives & property of our fellow citizens —

On the subject of countermanding the order for a detachment from your brigade I have to observe — that it has become absolutely necessary to relieve the troops at N. London — The detachment is small and the towns on the coast exempted from its operation — there is not now time to vary the order — should your part of the country continue to be threatened your men shall be relived by a new draft from the interiour as speedily as possible — At present I must request you to execute the order with the necessary dispatch —

In haste I am Sir your

ob^{t} & very hum ser^{t}

Brig. Genl Enoch Foote

[Endorsed] To Brig. Genl Foote — 9. Sept. 1813 —

PETITION FOR DEFERMENT

[3:122]

Derby Septr 10th 1813

Sir,

At the request of Mr Simon Tomlinson of this Town, we certify, — that he has for the last year kept one of the principal public houses at the Landing in this town, to which he attends in person — that he is still engaged and expects to continue in that employment — That he has a wife, & four children the oldest about five years old & the youngest an infant about three months and that in our opinion it would greatly damage him in his business if not intirely frustrate his views, to be compelled to leave home for any length of time

With much respect

We are,

Your Excellency's

Most Ob^{t} & H. Serv^{ts}

Josiah Dudley

Leman Stone

Francis French
Joseph Hull
Thos Vose
Wm Mansfield

His Excellency
Governor Smith

[Endorsed] Simon Tomlinson papers "Mily corps" — memd ought to be promoted — to be considered by Govr & council at their next meeting —

JOSIAH DUDLEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:123]

Sir,

I have examined the deposition of Capt William C. Whitney of this date in relation to Mr Simon Tomlinson. — I was at the Post office at the time of the conversation between him & Lieut Smith mentioned in his Deposition. — I distinctly recollect that Mr Tomlinson complained as therein stated — and that Lieut Smith said in reply that it had been concluded by the officers of the Company to give him the place of orderly sergt — From what motives he enlisted I am unable to decide — The Company has always had my best wishes for its success and if I could indulge a hope on the subject, it would be, that Mr Tomlinson should be in some shape relieved, as I think his case a hard one —

With respect
I am,
Your Excellency's Obedt
& Most Humble Servt
Josiah Dudley

Derby Septr 11th 1813.

His Excellency The Governor of Connecticut

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Governour of Connecticut Sharon

[Endorsed] J. Dudley Esqr re S. Tomlinson —

DEPOSITION

[3:124]

William C. Whitney of Derby in New Haven County of lawful age testifies & says — That about the time the officers of the Company of Artillerists formed in s^d^ Derby for defence of the State received their Commissions, he was at the Post Office in Derby & heard a conversation between Lieu^t^ Lyman Smith J^r^ of s^d^ Company & Mr Simon Tomlinson of s^d^ town, in which s^d^ Tomlinson complained that in selecting the officers & recommending them for their appointment, to the Governor & Council, the subscribers who had volunteered to form said company had not been consulted, and declared that tho' he was a subscriber, he should not enlist into said Company — That he had been an orderly Serjeant in the Militia & should not consent to serve as a private. — To which Lieut Smith replied, that the officers had taken his case into consideration & had concluded to make him the said Tomlinson Serjeant of said Company — and the Deponent has understood that in consequence of the afores^d^ declaration of Lieut. Smith the s^d^ Tomlinson enlisted into s^d^ Company & there remains a private.

W^m^ C Whitny

Fairfield County ss. huntington 11^th^h Septr 1813
Personally Appeared William C Whitney, and made oath to the truth of the foregoing Deposition by him Subscribed, before me

Levi Hull Justice of Peace

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GERSHOM BURR

[3:125]

Sharon 11. Sept. 1813 —

Dear Sir —

Your communication by Mr Beers is received — In answer I must refer you generally to a despatch forwarded on the 9th instant to Brigadier Genl Foote by the return of his Express. I cannot perceive by the intelligence now received that there is a clear indication of a disposition in the enemy to commence a system of depredation on the land — Whenever such a design shall manifest itself corresponding measures must be adopted

as far as our means will allow — Important powers are delegated to our military officers by the Statute — they should be exercised with great prudence & sound discretion — On the one hand the lives & habitations of our citizens are to be protected at every hazard — on the other, the militia are not to be called into the field when there is no actual invasion *or when circumstances do not unequivocally indicate such to be the intention* — Of these circumstances the proper officers on the spot must in the first instance be the judges — I doubt not you have acted according to your best judgment — You will however keep up the guards no longer than whilst there is evident danger of an attack on land —

If I rightly recollect the volunteer company in the *town* of Fairfield did not specify in their enrollment whether they were to be accepted as artillery or infantry — In my direction to the Adjutant Gen[l] I permitted the company to make their election — If they have concluded to serve as artillerists I must request you to give immediate notice to Quarter Master General Mix who will order a piece of ordnance mounted —

I do not feel myself authorized to furnish either arms or ammunition to any but an organized force —

I am D[r] Sir in haste your
ob[t] & hum ser[t]

Col. Gershom Burr —

P. S. If contrary to my expectation it should become necessary *to station* guards in your vicinity, it will be proper to give me further notice as in that case a commissary must be directed to furnish supplies &c

[Endorsed] To Col. Gershom Burr 11. Sept. 1813 —

EBENEZER MEAD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:126]

Greenwich Sep[t] 13 1813

His Excellency
John C. Smith Esquire
Sir

I am requested by the Civil Authority and Selectmen of the Town of Greenwich to write to your Excellency to

know if there is any Small armes provided by the State that may be had for the use of those in the Town of Greenwich that are exempt by law from Military duty by reason of age &c and not Able to supply themselves which might be usefull in case of an invasion and the armes put into the hands of some proper person for that purpose —

I am Sir with due respect and esteem
Your Excellenceys Most Obediant Hum^{e}
Servent — EBEN; MEAD

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esquire Sharon Greenwich Septr 14 paid 10

[Endorsed] Eben^{r} Mead Esqr 13. Sept. 1813 — rec^{d} 16th answ^{d} D^{o}

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[3:127]
(Copy)

NORWICH 13 Sepr 1813

Genl William Williams,
Dear Sir,

Inclosed is a copy of a detail from the militia & State Troops, ordered to be at New London the 16^{h} to relieve troops now at that port; whose time of service expires on that day. The men ordered to New London are to be under your command; they are to serve Forty five days unless sooner discharged. The militia will form a battalion under the command of a Lieut^{t} Col^{l} from the 6th Brigade detached for that purpose & the State Troops will form a battalion under the command of Lieut Col. Sanford. To each Battalion will be a Major also —

In addition to the remarks made in my letter of the 25th July, I would observe, that by a letter from his Excellency, he remarks that in case of an *actual attack*, & more Troops should be wanted, you must order them in — I am dear Sir

with respect
Your Hbl Servt
E HUNTINGTON
Adj^{t} General

[Endorsed] Copy to Genl Williams 13 Septr 1813

AMBROSE WHITTELSEY JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:128]

SAY-BROOK 15 Septr 1813 —

Sir,

In consequence of your Excellency's order, a detachment of State Troops from New London have been on duty at the Fort, in this place, but have been this morning discharged, and have gone for New-London, so that we are now without any Garrison. I find on enquiry that Col^{l} Sill has within a few days been notified by Major General Williams, that he had no orders to continue a guard at Say Brook. Col^{o} Sill also considers himself not authorised to station a detachment of Militia at Fort Fenwick, — and thus the Guns and Shot are left without any guard.

Besides this, on thursday of this week, the officers of this Regiment are to meet at Haddam about 20 Miles distant, and on friday the whole Regiment assemble at the same place for Inspection and Review — which will leave us for three days with but few Men in Town, and them unarmed —

The Enemy's force is larger than heretofore, and have been more active of late, than during Commodore Hardy's command — their Ships are generally in sight of this place. The Powder belonging to the State is deposited in a Store near the Fort, of course is exposed to be plundered by the Enemy —

I am under these circumstances, at the request of a number of the respectable Inhabitants of this Town, induced to make this statement to your Excellency, and we flatter ourselves that you will order a guard to be stationed at the Fort in this place —

I have the honor to be
your Excellency's
most obed^{t} hble serv^{t}
AMBROSE WHITTELSEY Junr

His Excellency
Govr SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Sharon Connecticut Say Brook Sept. 15. paid 10
[Endorsed] Amb. Whittelsey J^r 15 Sept. 1813 — Guards at Saybrook.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER MEAD

[3:129]

SHARON 16. Sept. 1813 —

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant I have to observe that I do not feel myself authorized to place the public arms or ammunition in the hands of individuals who are not members of some duly organized corps. — If the *Exempts* in the town of Greenwich (or in that and in an adjoining town associated) will form a *volunteer company* either of artillery or infantry pursuant to the Statutes in such case provided, I will endeavour that in the one alternative a piece of ordnance shall be procured for them, or in the other a deposit shall be made of a suitable number of fire arms for the use of such individuals of the company as may not be able to purchase for themselves —

It is not in my power consistently to distribute arms to the destitute military exempts upon any other terms —

I am Sir respectfully your
obedient & humble sert.

E. MEAD Esqr
[Endorsed] To E. Mead Esqr

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JEREMIAH STURGES

[3:130]

SHARON 18. Sept. 1813 —

Sir —

Your letter of the 31st ult^o, which ought to have been less than two days on its passage is just received — This unusual delay is to be regretted —

I have addressed a letter to the Q. M. General on the subject

of the piece of ordnance and the small arms — I trust your wants will be soon supplied.

It is not consistent for me to interfere with the distribution of the ammunition — but I shall be much disappointed indeed if the civil Authority of Fairfield do not so dispose of it as to avoid all just ground of complaint —

I am sir &c

J. C. S. —

Capt. STURGES —

[Endorsed] To Capt. Sturges —

NEW LONDON QUARTERMASTER ARSENAL

[3:131]

State of the Arsenal NEW LONDON 20 Sepr 1813

Musket Catridges delivered previous to the arrival of the present detachment			19.45
Of which have been returned fit for service	5380.		
Ditto unfit for service	420.		
Remained in the arsenal	950.		
On hand	6,750		
Musket Catridges made but not filled with Powder			4000
Musket Balls on hand, the precise number not known, but supposed to be about			4000
Six pound^{r} Catridges on hand		108	
6 pound Shot "		240	
Cannister " "		2 Boxes	
Powder on hand (Cannon)		1 Cask	
D^{o} fine		none	
Flints on hand		none	

The above is the state of the Arsenal — I will give you a more particular account of the other parts of your letter soon — As your Nephew is waiting for this

Y^{r} &c

signed H GODDARD

[Endorsed] H Goddard 20 Septr 1813

MORNING REPORT, UNION CAMP, NEAR NEW LONDON 20 Sept. 1813

[3:132]

[Statistical information only, omitted in this publication.]

ELISHA STERLING TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[3:133]

(Copy)

Head Quarters GROTON 21 Sep 1813

Gen[l] *E Huntington*

Sir,

I received your order bearing date 17 Sep[r] 1813 & in answer inform you that there are now at Groton under my command of the detached militia, all the Field & Staff officers detailed in your order of 6 Sep[r] 1813 — 4 Captains of Infantry & 2 Cap[t] of Matross — 9 Lieut[s] of Infantry & 3 of the Matross — 2 Ensigns — 14 Sergeants of the Infantry & 6 of the matross — 13 Corporals of Infantry & 6 of the Matross — 7 musicians — 189 privates of Infantry & 46 of the matross — There are absent of those detached returned to me the following numbers from the several Brigades viz — 1 private from the 1[t] Brigade — 2 privates from the 2[d] Brigade — 1 Corporal — 1 fifer & 1 private from the 5th Brigade — 10 privates from the 6 Brigade — 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal & 9 privates from the 7 Brigade — 2 Sergeants, & 9 privates from the 8 Brigade — making in the whole, non commissioned officers & privates as returned to me by the Inspectors of the several Brigades — 32 privates of Infantry & 6 non Commissioned officers & 16 privates — 1 Sergeant & 1 Corporal of the Matross.

Those constitute all the absentees as returned but I find that the Brigade majors who mustered the detachments from the respective Brigades, did not forward to me all the names detached & in other instances excused and in others accepted of Substitutes which were altogether incapable of performing the duty belonging to them.

I wish some measures could be taken to repeal the law regarding the substitution of one soldier for another; unless done by the approbation of the Commanding officer of the

detachment: this makes more difficulty than will at first be imagined — Your friendly hint regarding a part of the detachment has been duly noticed — it had occurred to me before the receipt of your letter & measures were taking to alter their situation — The whole of the Troops under my command are now stationed at Groton Village & will remain there unless I am expressly ordered otherwise

I am s^{r}

ELISHA STERLING Lieu^{t} Co^{l}
Command^{g} Militia Groton

[Endorsed] Col Stirling 21 Sept 1813

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[3:134]
(Copy)

Head Quarters NEW LONDON 21 Sepr 1813

Eben^{r} Huntington Esqr
Adjutant Genl of the State of Connecticut
Sir,

From the report this morning of the militia under the command of Lieut^{t} Col Sterling, I find their numbers to be Two Hundred & Thirty two, rank & file. The report from the detachment, under Lieut Col^{l} Sanford from the State Corps gives rank & file about the same.

In conversation with Genl Burbeck he informed me that you had entirely misapprehended him in his request: he expected 700 rank & file, exclusive of Field, Staff & Commissioned officers, & he requests that this number may be furnished & sent here. The number that we have here is hardly sufficient to furnish guards on both sides without sending men on this duty every other night —

I remain Sir, your
Sincere friend
W. WILLIAMS
Maj^{r} Genl Commanding
at New London

[Endorsed] Copy from Genl Williams 21^{t} Septr 1813

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[3:135]

NORWICH 23d Septr 1813

Major Gen Williams

Sir Yours of the 21t has been duly recd & the contents noted I am sorry that the wishes of Gen1 Burbeck should have been misunderstood by me, & that a detail so far short of his expectation should have taken place —— The former details for the defence of the U S Squadron in the harbour of New London & the inhabitants in that vicinity, have been made as the last — the number called for has been considered as including officers & the troops furnished accordingly, as hath all requisitions from the Gen1 Government on this state — If Gen1 Burbeck wishes a further number detailed for New London, & will make this requisition on the Govr — Whatever directions his excellency may give, shall be promptly executed by me — I have detached from Saybrook & from Stonington, each place, a subaltern a sergt a corporal & eighteen men for the protection of those places on your flanks, & have directed them to call on you for orders, for provisions & ammunition — — — They are directed to report to you as you may direct, & be considered under your command — — I am rejoiced to hear that you have not advanced the field pieces as heretofore — — Notwithstanding I had great confidence in the men & vigilance of the officers, I have uniformly been of opinion, that had I commanded the troops at N London, I should have been unwilling to hazard the pieces in advance — — & I *know* that his Excellency the Governour had a similar opinion, but did not wish to advise, tho he wished the pieces not hazarded Gen1 Burbeck requisition to me was *6 or 700* men, & fearing the complete execution & the order for 600 I called for more — & I now find by a return from Colo Sanford & also from Colo Stirling that the number under your command, with those ordered from Stonington & Saybrook, will be but little short of 700

I am &c

Col° Sanfords command	313
Col° Stirlings	303
detach[d] at Saybrook	21
d° at Stonington	21
Cavalry estimated	22
	680

Copy to Gen[l] Williams
23[d] Sept[r] 1813

Maj Gen[l] WILLIAMS

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[3:136]

	Serg[t]	Corp[l]	Privates	Musick	
First Brigade	0	0	1	0	
Second Brigade	"	"	2	"	
Fifth Brigade	"	1	1	1	
Sixth Brigade	"	"	10	"	
Seventh Brigade	1	1	9	"	
Eighth Brigade	2	"	9	"	
	3	2	32	1	Total of Infantry
Matross	1	1	15		

N LONDON September 23 1813

E Huntington Esqr
Adjn General

Sir in Close is a return of the deficanshy from the last detail I Shoul have forward you this before if I could obtain it, I remay your

obedn Humble
Serv
W. WILLIAMS Aj
Gen[l] Commanding of
N London

P S I am informed that there is Two Sergant Majors detatch in the State Comm & bouth on the Ground

[Superscribed] Ebenezer Huntington Esqr Adjutant General of the State of Connect. Norwich N. London C Sep-24

[Endorsed] Adj^{t} Genl Huntington 24. Sept. 1813- rec^{d} 28th ans^{d} 2 Oct. 1813- return of militia at N. London & &

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:137]

NORWICH 24 Septr 1813

My dear sir

On Wednesday even^{g} I rec^{d} your excellencys favour of the 21^{t}, which has been particularly attended to, & I hope to meet your wishes – – – Your Excellency will perceive by the enclosed copy of a letter to Genl Williams under date of the 13th that the subject matter of a guard at Saybrook & Stonington had been duly attended to by me, in referring Genl Williams to former orders under date of the 26 July, in which the guard at those places were particularly directed (the form of which letter met your approbation at that time) - - I have inclosed a copy of a letter from Col^{o} Stirling — a copy of one from Genl W of the 21 & my answer, a copy of Mr Goddard letter & return of ammunition, & a copy of Col^{o} Sanford return of State Troops — I have written to Col^{o} Sill & Col: Randall to make the necessary detachments to guard their ports — & I have written the Rev^{d} M^{r} McEwen & Doct^{r} North on the subject of their appointments - - I find that several of the brigades have omitted to comply with the detail required - -

I pray your excellency to direct what steps shall be taken to compel obedience — I am with much esteem

very respectfully your humble serv^{t}

EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH

There is a report in circulation & generally accredited, that Decatur intends, & is preparing to descend the river, if so, I think it very exceptionable to hazard the loss of lives, &

the almost certain destruction of the town of New London - - - I should have thought so indiscreet a step would not have been taken, but every day affords proof of the weakness & wickedness which prevail in our ill fated devoted country — E H

If I obtain certain information of their movement, I shall endeavor to communicate the same to you at first opportunity - -

Saturday morn^{g} 8°Clock the express who brought the letter from your excellency went to Preston Wednesday morning on *his* business & hath not yet return^{d} - - hoping he will be here soon, I shall close the letter, putting for your inspection (with the other papers) a return from Genl W rec^{d} last even^{g}

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon

[Endorsed] Genl E. Huntington 24. Sept. 1813 — & enclosure — return of militia at N. London —

RETURN

[3:138]

Return of the Officers non commissioned Officers Musicians & Privates, detach'd from the First Regiment of State Troops to perform a Tour of Duty at New London of Forty five days from the 16th of Septem^{br} 1813 in persuance of orders receiv'^{d} from the Commandant of the Brigade dated .....of Septem^{r} 1813

From 1st Comp^{y} —	Captn	Seth Comstock
	Serj^{t}	James Warner
	Corp^{l}	David Judd
	Drummer	Joseph Peck
	Privates	William Stone
		Anthony B. Tucker
		Elbert Segur
		Joseph T. Bearss
		Phineas Beardsley
		Barret Stevens
		Andrew Benedict — left sick
		Elihu Judd

		Heman Benedict
		Samuel Hoyt
		Lewis Gilbert
		Aaron Hawley
		Justin Stilson
		Dennis Lockwood
		Burr Meeker
		Nathan B. Thorp
		Russel Dobbs
		Philo Hoyt
		David Catlin
		Lewis Hoyt
		Henry S. Bevins
		Philo Andrus
		Knapp Brunson
		Daniel Stone = 28
From 3d Compy	2d Lieut	Edward O. Hawley
	Serjeant	Martin Tanner
	Corporal	Alman Howe
	Privates	Reuben Judd serves by Substitute, Norman Hunt
		William Sabins — by do Jno Williams
		Benjamin Cady
		Elijah Baldwin
		David Whittlesey 2d
		Deming Whittlesey
		William Tracy
		James H. Taylor
		Nathan Batterson
		Seth Mechum
		Davis Hopkins
		William Brown
		Joesph Prindle 2d
		Clark Sacket
		Joseph L. Taylor
		Enoch Taylor
		Robert Hoyt

		Chauncey Beardsley
		John S. Handrake
		Amasa Strong J^{r}
		Garry Morris
		Homer Stirtevant = 25
From 5th Comp^{y}	2^{d} Lieu^{t}	Edward Selden
	Serjeant	Isaac K. Graham
	Corporal	Plinny Y. Hillyer
	Fifer	Virgil Hillyer
	Privates	Chandler Owen
		Joseph Cornish
		Erastus Holcomb
		Alexander Hoskins
		Harlow Moore
		Plinny Winchel
		John Spencer J^{r}
		William K. Thrall
		Sardius Thrall
		Lyman Phelps
		Apollos Gay
		Herron Taylor
		Orson P. Phelps
		Russel Allyn
		Guy Griswold
		Chauncey Marshal
		Marcus Griswould
		William Gleason
		Harry Holcomb = 23
From 9th Comp^{y}	Ensign	Roderick Lawrence
	Serjeant	Martin Seymour
	Corporals	Eli Johnson
	———	Frederick Wadsworth
	Drummer	Horace Strong, By a Subst^{te} for a few days, Bela Lamphier
	Fifer	Horace Riley — Absconded
	Privates	Luther Freeman By Substitute Moses Bigelow

Isaac Fuller In N Yk, will be in N. London in a few days
John Neff
James B Waterman
William Tinker — absconded
Abraham A. Waterhouse By Substitute — Smith
Nehemiah Bryant
Horace Olcott
Lemuel Sheldon By Substitute, Samuel Randall
Eleazer P. Wells
Jason Merril — now on Duty at N London as a substitute
Edward Alden excused by Maj^{r} Ellsworth being sick
Merit Ransom — By Substitute Moses R. Spencer
George Case
Asher Coe
Elijah Elmer
Franklin Robbins
Flavel C. Kingsbury Now at Columbia
Lewis Robinson by Substitute Joseph Bunce
James Robbins
Jonath^{n} Colins J^{r}
William Callender excused from lameness —
Benjamin Robbins absconded — Deserted
Daniel Collins now in New Haven
Lewis Carver By Substitute Jesse Squires
Horace Cotton
James B. Allyn absconded = 33

From 10th Comp^{y} 1st Lieu^{t} Edward Cowles

Serjeants	Rewel Miller	
———	Thomas Mather	
Corporal	Timothy Baldwin	
Drummer	Ozias Humphry	
Fifer	Harvey Cowles	
Privates	Chauncey Fuller	
	Sylvester Shepherd	
	Romanta Norton	
	Ezra Hale	
	Joel C. Wilmot	
	Anson Kilborn	
	Joseph Dutton J^{r}	
	Thomas Woodruff	
	Adna Curtiss	
	Hopkins Birge	
	Ebenezer R. Hale	
	Seth Norton	
	Nathan[1] Mattoon	
	Jason Hitchcock	
	William Griswold	
	Leveret Carrington	
	Hopkins Carter	
	Freeman Studley	
	Samuel H. Curtis	
	Asahel P. Smith	
	Lewis Churchil	
	Riley Barnes	
	James Wright	
	James St. John	
	Herman Johnson	
	Giles Southmayd J^{r}	
	Chauncey Cornwall	
	Jedediah Johnson	
	Charles R. Barrow	
	Samuel Pettit	= 36
Staff	Dudley W. Rhodes	Surgeons mate —
	Azor Hatch	Serjeant Major
	Thomas Curtis	Quarter Mr Serjeant

Maj^{r} Ellsworth of the 1st Regiment took command of the detachment at their place of Rendezvous in this Town on the 14th Instant, he having represented to me that he had agreed (with the approbation of the Command^{t} of the Brigade) with Maj^{r} Smith of the 2^{d} Regiment who was detach'd to serve in his Turn — Hartford Septem^{r} 27th 1813

N B The above return is made from the returns of the Captains to me

NATH^{l} TERRY COL^{o} 1st Reg^{t} State Troops

F^{rm} C^{o}		28
3^{dn}	—	25
5th	—	23
9th	—	33
10th	—	36
Staff		3
Lot	—	148

[Endorsed] Co.^{o} Terrys return delinquents

MARTIN ELLSWORTH AND OTHERS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:139]

Union Camp near NEW LONDON
Sep^{t} 29 1813 —

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq.
Captain General of the State of Connecticut

The subscribers having been appointed by the Field Staff & Commissioned Officers on duty at this Cantonment, a committee to represent to the Captain General the inconveniences which they and the men under their command, actually experience, & those which they have reason to apprehend, beg leave most respectfully to shew,

That the Troops in this Cantonment are willing to support to the utmost, all the evils & hardships incident to a state of

warfare and actual service, yet the committee trust that it never was the intention of the Legislature of Connecticut, when the Law for raising the Military Corps passed, to subject this Corps, or any part of it, to burthens either unnecessary or grievous — the Committee speaking in behalf of their Brother Officers & fellow soldiers would not be understood to complain — but to represent that the manner in which they are now quartered, is a subject on which they feel bound to make a representation to the Captain General — The tents furnished for the Troops are of tow cloth, & are badly constructed — in addition to this the season is so far advanced that, to troops unaccustomed to lodging on the ground, some hardship does result from cold & rain — the arms cannot be kept securely from the weather, and are in consequence, much, & often out of repair — The troops ask for quarters, at this season, where they may shelter themselves, their arms & ammunition from the weather — the Committee would ask of the Captain General whether means may not be immediately taken for the removal of the troops into better quarters.

The Committee beg leave further to state to the Captain General that the Officers and soldiers of the Military Corps who were on duty in this Cantonment, previous to the arrival of the detachment now here, were dismissed and sent to their homes without being paid off — the Officers and soldiers in this Cantonment, regard that fact as a grievance, & beg leave to inquire whether the same fate awaits them, at the expiration of the term of time for which they have been detached. The officers & soldiers now on duty here, have ever supposed when a term of service was limited, & the time when it would expire was well known, that provision for paying off the troops would be made, & that wages would be paid as soon as service was accomplished; & they cherish a hope that in so judging they have not deceived themselves —

The committee in the name & behalf of their Brother Officers & Fellow-soldiers ask the liberty of making one further inquiry is the Military Corps to be subject hereafter to detachment & drafts in such a manner as to bring a proportion of the Privates of the Companies into the field, & leave the remaining

part at their homes — It has been the opinion of many officers & soldiers that detachments would not be made from the Privates of these Companies. The Officers and Soldiers are willing to believe that there is reason for the making of *this* detachment at *this* time, & will cheerfully perform the present tour of duty, but trust that detachments from co[mpan]ies will not be made hereafter —

MARTIN ELLSWORTH Major 1rst Regt State Troops
EBENr GROSVENOR Adjt 2 Regt —
Wm TODD Q. M. 2d Regt

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Captain General Sharon Ct

[Endorsed] Major M. Ellsworth & others Comee of troops at N. London — recd 15th Oct. 1813 answd 16th —

MARTIN ELLSWORTH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[3:140]

Union Camp NEW LONDON 30th Septr 1813

Genll Ebenezer Huntington

Sir

In compliance with a request of Col Nathll Terry I inclose a list of Absentees in the detachment of State Troops from the 1st Regt, together with the companies to which they respectively belong, with the causes of absence as far as can be ascertained at the present time

From 3rd Company
Reuben Judd by Sub.
Farnum Hunt who
has retd home by pleading
minority

From 9th Company
Wm Tinker absent from home
Isaac Fuller " " "
Jason Merrills " " "

Edwin Alden sick
Wm Calender "
Dan[ll] Collins absent from home
Benj[n] Robbins " " "
James B. Allen " " "
Flavel C. Kingsbury " " "

From 10th Company —
Thos Mather in New York
Ezra Hale } Enlisted into U States
Romanta Norton } service before detached
Hopkin Birge a Minor
Seth Norton Sick

P S By the above list it appears much the largest number is absent from the 10th Company. I have been informed indirectly that Capt Charles B King detached more than his complement in proportion to the whole detachment presuming there would be absentees, as Capt King is now at Norwich we should be happy to learn of him the correctness of the fact as it would be unpleasant making more men serve than we can justly claim With much respect I

remain yr friend & Humble servt
MARTIN ELLSWORTH

[Superscribed] Major Gen[ll] Ebenezer Huntington Norwich Con[t] N. London, C Oct — 1
[Endorsed] Major Ellsworth's Return 2y Regt Octor 2, 1813

ASA PARKE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:141]

CANTERBURY September the 30th 1813

Sir. I take this opportunity to write you concerning the business that I called upon you about on the morning of the tenth of September you then told me to write to you by one of our representative and you would send me a discharge from military duty if I was put to any trouble about it. I got home the evening of the eleventh and I had orders in the house for to march to New London on the thirteenth. I tried to get dis-

missed from the tour but could not I have hired a man to take my place. I shall send this by Esqr Rufus Adams and I wish you to send me a discharge by him when the Assembly rises. this is from your humble servant ASA PARKE

to your eccellency

Mr JOHN C. SMITH

Capt General of Connecticut

[Superscribed] To Mr JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon or New Haven

APPOINTMENTS IN THE MILITARY CORPS

[3:142]

Appointments in the military corps Oct. Session 1813

Nathl Terry Esq. Brigadier General E. Huntington resigned

Tim^{o} Shephard Col. 1. Reg^{t} N. Terry promoted

Lucius Smith Lt Col. D^{o} T. Shephard D^{o}

Seth Comstock Major D^{o}

Elihu Sanford Esq. Colonel 2. Reg^{t} Danl Putnam. resigned

30. Oct. 1813 —

1. Reg^{t} 9th comp.

Roderick Lawrence 1. Lieut. — Nathl Mather 2nd D^{o}

Azor Hatch Ensign

1. Comp. Elish. Whittlesey Capt.

James C. Cook 1. Lieut.

Stan H. Morehouse 2 D^{o}

JOHN MIX TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:143]

NEW HAVEN October 1813. ——

His Excellency Governor Smith,

Sir,

As the military force of this State now at New London will probably soon be dismissed from that service, I shall want instructions what disposition to make of the public property such as horses, waggons, arms, ammunition, tents, camp

equipage of every kind &c, that will be then left there. —No part of the expence of any of these articles is included in the bills which I have sent on to the war department excepting for the horses, waggons, and a small part of the camp equipage, such as cooking utensils provided when the Militia were first ordered there, to the amount of three hundred or three hundred and fifty dollars; — all of which (the muskets excepted) will, in my apprehension, eventually be a proper charge against the National government. — Permit me to suggest to your Excellency the expediency of sending the muskets some few miles from N. London where they can be thoroughly cleaned and repaired, and where they may remain untill circumstances shall render a different disposition of them necessary; — the field artillery, excepting the two pieces attached to the Matross company there, ought in my opinion, also to be removed; — — as well as the ammunition, unless some arrangement should be made with the commandinding officer of the National troops to receive it into their magazine as the property of the United States. —

I have had sundry bills of expence presented me by different Brigade Inspectors for money paid out to procure expresses to send to the several Regiments in their respective brigades, and in some instances charges for their own personal services, when detachments have been ordered into service; — also bills for expresses sent by military officers along the sea-board, as well as by towns, to your Excellency; — neither of these classes of bills have been paid in consequence of some doubts whether they would come within my department, unless by particular order from your Excellency or the Legislature. — Will your Excellency be pleased to give me instructions on the subjects herein suggested? — With much respect and esteem,

I am your Excellencys,
very obedient servant,
JOHN MIX Q M Gen[1] —

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH —

[Endorsed] Letter from the Quarter Master General Referred
U. H.
G. H. R.

General Assembly
October Session 1813

In the Upper House. The within communication is referred to the Joint Committee appointed to take into consideration that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the defence of the State. Attest

THOMAS DAY, Secretary

In the House of Rep^{s}
Concurred Attest
CHS DENISON Clk

TRUE COPIES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

[3:144]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at New-Haven in said State on the second Thursday of October. A. D. 1813.

Resolved that His Excellency the Commander in Chief be and he is hereby authorized and requested to take such measures as in his opinion the public interest may require, to provide for the examination, proof and preservation of the ordnance belonging to this State, and referred to in the Report of the Quarter-Master-General made in obedience to a Resolve of the General Assembly passed in May last.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Secretary

Directed the Q. M. General to carry into effect the foregoing resolution, by letter dated 12th Nov. 1813 — See his letter of the 6th same month — J. C. SMITH —

TRUE COPIES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

[3:144]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at New-Haven in said State on the second Thursday of October A. D. 1813.

Resolved by this Assembly that the Commander in Chief be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause the arms received on a contract made by the Quarter-Master-General at Pittsfield to be examined and proved according to the rules prescribed by the War Department of the United States.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Sec^y

The execution of the foregoing resolution was by me committed to Col. Elisha Buel of Marlborough by advice of the council, 3rd Novr 1813 —

J. C. SMITH —

[Endorsed] Copies of resolutions concerning proof of ordnance & arms —

TRUE COPIES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

[3:145]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at New-Haven in said State on the second Thursday of October A. D. 1813.

Resolved that the conduct of His Excellency the Governour in the exercise of the powers delegated to him for the defence of this State and the squadron of the United States in the harbour of New-London, be, and the same is hereby fully approved.

A true Copy of record
Attest
THOMAS DAY, Sec^y

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at New-Haven in said State on the second Thursday of October A. D. 1813.

Resolved that the conduct of the Officers and Soldiers of the Militia of this State and of the State Corps which have been called into service for its defence, and for the defence of the squadron of the United States in the harbour of New-London meets with the approbation of this Assembly.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY, Sec^y

[Endorsed] Resolutions concerning conduct of governour &^c

RETURN OF EXEMPTS

[3:146]

A Return of Exempts formed under the Act of Legislature of August 1812 with the dates when the Associations were approved by the Commander in Chief_____formed into Battalions, Regiments & Brigade by order of His Excellency Governour Smith June 2d 1813__

Names of Towns forming Associations	When approvd by Capt Genl	Names of Persons elected to office	Date of Rank	Orders for New choice	Names of Persons elected to office	Date of Rank
Pomfret	Septr 28 1812	Thomas Grosvenor Capt Lemuel Ingalls Lieut Thomas Allen Ensn	Septr 28 1812 do do	June 28 1813 do do	Lemuel Ingalls Capt Thomas Allen Lieut Sylvanus Backus Ensn	June 2d 1813 do do
Woodstock	Octor 2d 1812	Chester Childs Capt Moses Arnold Lieut John Davis Ensn	Octor 2d 1812 do do			
Killingley	Octor 12 1812	James Danielson Capt Hubbard Torry Lieut Shubael Hutchins Ensn	Octor 12 1812 do do	June 28 1813	Hubbard Torrey Capt Shubael Hutchins Lieut Luther Warren Ensn	June 2d 1813 do do
Marlborough	Octor 15 1812	Elisha Buell Capt Joel Foot Lieut Joseph Carrier Ensn	Octor 15 1812 do do	June 28 1813 June 28 1813 June 28 1813	Joel Foot Capt Joseph Carrier Lieut Joshua Palmer Ensn	June 2d 1813 do do
Coventry	Decr 30 1812	Elisha Edgerton Capt Joseph Talcott Lieut Bildad Curtiss Ensn	Decr 30 1812 do do			
East Haddam	Jany 14 1813	Eliphalet Holmes Capt Jeremiah Smith Lieut Josiah Griffin Ensn	Jany 14 1813 do do			

Names of Towns forming Associations	When approv^{d} by Capt Genl	Names of Persons elected to office	Date of Rank	Orders for New choice	Names of Persons elected to office	Date of Rank
Plainfield	March 11 1813	Abel Andrus Capt Ebenezer Eaton Lieu^{t} Jeremiah Kinsman Ens^{n}	March 11 1813 d^{o} d^{o}			
Brooklyn	Septr 10 1812	Daniel Putnam Capt Joseph Scarborough Lieu^{t} Benjamin Pierce Ens^{n}	Septr 10 1812 d^{o} d^{o}	Jany 28 1813	Joseph Scarborough Capt Benjamin Pierce Lieu^{t} John Parish Ens^{n}	Jany 28 1813 d^{o} d^{o}
Litchfield 1 society	Octo^{r} 8 1812	Uriel Holmes Capt Frederick Wolcott Lieu^{t} Asa Bacon Junr Ens^{n}	Octo^{r} 8 1812 d^{o} d^{o}	June 28 1813 d^{o}	Asa Bacon Junr Lieu^{t} James Man Ens^{n}	June 2^{d} 1813
Bethlem	Octo^{r} 15 1812	Nehemiah Lambert Capt Nathan Hawley Lieu^{t} Samuel Bloss Ens^{n}	Octo^{r} 15 1813 d^{o} d^{o}			
Watertown	Sept 24 1812	Aner Bradley Capt Eleazer Judd Lieu^{t} Thomas Cole Ens^{n}	Sept 24 1812 d^{o} d^{o}	28 June 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	Eleazer Judd Capt Thomas Cole Lt David Buckingham Ens^{n}	June 2^{d} 1813 d^{o} d^{o}
Warren	Octo^{r} 15 1812	Nathaniel Swift Capt Ebenezer Tanner Lieu^{t} Homer Sackett Ens^{n}	Octo^{r} 15 1812 d^{o} d^{o}			
East Windsor	Octo 22^{d} 1813	Roswell Grant Capt Aaron Bissell Lieu^{t} Samuel Hall Ens^{n}	Octo 22^{d} 1812 d^{o} d^{o}			
Litchfield South Farms	Octo 23^{d} 1812	James Morris Capt Roger N. Whittlesey Lieu^{t} Nathaniel Goodwin Ens^{n}	Octo 23^{d} 1812 d^{o} d^{o}	28 June 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	Roger N. Whittlesey Capt Nathaniel Goodwin Lt Enos Burns Ens^{n}	June 2^{d} 1813 d^{o} d^{o}

Middlebury	Nov 19 1812	Timothy Higgins Capt Daniel Smith Lieu^{t} John Bradley Ens^{n}			
Humphreysville	Nov 19 1812	David Humphreys Capt Daniel Holbrook Lieu^{t} Joseph Riggs Ens^{n}	Novr 19 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	28 June 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	Joseph Riggs Cap^{tn} Ashbel Steele Lt Danl Holbrook Ens^{n}	June 2^{d} 1813 d^{o} d^{o}
Washington 2d society N Preston	Jany 13 1813	Silas Tracy Capt Elijah Meeker Lieu^{t} Barnabas Abbott Ens^{n}				
Washington 1 society	Feby 10 1813	Daniel N. Brindsmaid Capt Elijah Hazen Lieu^{t} Anthony Strong Ens^{n}	Feby 10 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	June 28th 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	Elijah Hazen Capt Anthony Strong Lt John Powell Ens^{n}	June 2^{d} 1813 d^{o} d^{o}
Vernon	Octo^{r} 15 1812	Lebbeus P. Tinker Capt Phinehas Talcott Lieu^{t} Cornelius Roberts Ens^{n}	Octo 15 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	28 June 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	Phinehas Talcott Capt Cornelius Roberts Lieu^{t} Oliver Hunt Ens^{n}	June 2^{d} 1813 d^{o} d^{o}
East Windsor	Octo 22^{d} 1812	Charles Jenks Capt William Thompson Lieu^{t} Joel Holkin Ens^{n}			Timothy Allen Capt	June 2^{d} 1813
Hartford	Nov 30 1812	Andrew Kingsbury Capt Henry Terry Lieu^{t} George Goodwin Ens^{n}				
West Hartford	Nov 30 1812	Moses Goodman Capt Elisha Mix Lieu^{t} Jedidiah Mills Ens^{n}				
Ellington	Decr 1 1812	Levi Welles Capt Asa Willey Lieu^{t} Joseph Abbott Ens^{n}				

Names of Towns forming Associations	When approv^{d} by Capt Genl	Names of Persons elected to office	Date of Rank	Orders for New choice	Names of Persons elected to office	Date of Rank
Windsor	Decr 2^{d} 1812	Oliver Mather Capt Job Allen Lieu^{t} Martin Denslow Ens^{n}				
Enfield	Decr 29 1812	Asaph Terry Capt Joseph Parsons Lieu^{t} Caleb Jones Ens^{n}				
Harwinton	Septr 16 1812	Elijah Gaylord Capt Daniel S. Wilson Lieu^{t} William C. Abernethy Ens^{n}				
Sharon Elsworth Society	Octo 15 1812	Thomas St John Capt Daniel St John Lieu^{t} Calvin Peck Ens^{n}				
New Hartford	Octo 15 1812	William Cook Capt Thomas Lee Lieu^{t} Chauncy Seymour Ens^{n}				
Norfolk	Octo 15 1812	Eleazer Holt Capt Augustus Pettibone Lieu^{t} Benjamin Welch Ens^{n}				
Cornwall	Nov 12 1812	Benjamin Gould Capt Oliver Burnham Lieu^{t} Reuben Fox Ens^{n}	Nov 12 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	28 June 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	Oliver Burnham Capt Reuben Fox Lt Noah Rogers Ens^{n}	June 2^{d} 1813 d^{o} d^{o}
Canton	Nov. 28 1812	George Humphreys Capt Joseph Dyer Lieu^{t} Darius Moses Ens^{n}				

Torrington	Decr 28 1812	William Battell Capt Elisha Hinsdale Lieu^{t} Seth Coe Ens^{n}				
Farmington	Decr 29 1812	Isaac Cowles Capt Daniel Tillottson Lieu^{t} Samuel Bishop Ens^{n}	Decr 29 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	June 28 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	Daniel Tillotson Capt Samuel Bishop Lieu^{t} Elias Lewis Ens^{n}	June 2^{d} 1813 d^{o} d^{o}
Guilford Artillery	June 18 1813	Thomas Burgess Capt Samuel Fowler 1 Lieu^{t} Nathaniel Griffin 2^{d} d^{o} Thomas R. Bray 3^{d} d^{o}	18 June 1813 d^{o} d^{o} d^{o}			
Fairfield Mill River Artillery	June 22^{d} 1813	Jeremiah Sturges Capt Joab Squire Lieu^{t} Ebenezer Dimon Junr Ens^{n}	22^{d} June 1813 d^{o} d^{o}			
New Haven Artillery		John Miles Junr Capt Daniel Green 1st Lieu^{t} Laban Smith 2^{d} d^{o}	23^{d} July 1813 d^{o} d^{o}			
Fairfield 1 Society Artillery	Augt 3^{d} 1813	Walter Thorp Capt Abraham G. Jennings Lt John Moorehouse Ens^{n}	Augt 3^{d} 1813 d^{o} d^{o}			
Hartford Cavalry	Nov 30 1812	John Caldwell Capt Michael Olcott Lt John Bennett Ens^{n}		June 28 1813 d^{o} d^{o}	Michael Olcott Capt John Bennett Lieu^{t} Normand Smith Ens^{n}	June 2^{d} 1813 d^{o} d^{o}
Branford	Octo 1 1813					

[Endosred] Return of Exempts 13 Octo^{r} 1813

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[3:147]

SHARON 2. Oc[tober] [1]813

Dr Sir

I enclose *the volunteer asso[cia]tion* received from the town of Branford — To save time I have issued, thro' an aid de camp, the order for a choice of officers —

Your favour by Mr King the express, with its enclosures, duly came to hand — I am gratified with your arrangements —

I trust the legislature at the approaching session will render our militia-system more efficient — In the mean time I could wish you would take [pro]per measures to ascertain the name[s] [a]nd places of residence of those who refused obe[die]nce to the late order — It can probably be done by addressing letters to the Brigadiers Generals —

In haste I am Dr Sir

your obedient & very humble

Major Gen[l] E. HUNTINGTON

[Endorsed] To Adjt Gen[l]

[mutilated]

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:148]

NEW LONDON 2nd October 1813

Sir

Lieut Colo Sandford of the State Corps has stated to me the following facts relative to several men who enlisted themselves into the State Corps & afterwards into the service of the United States which I have thought proper to communicate to your Excellency,

"Ezra Hale & Romanta Norton enlisted into the State Corps last Spring under Capt Woodruff of the 10th Compy. 2nd Regt, in the Summer they enlisted into the service of the United States & are both in one or the other of the Forts on this Station. —

Freeman Studley of the same Regt & Company in the

State Corps enlisted into the United States service a short time before the order was issued for the detachment of that part of the State Corps now on duty here, he was mach'd to New London in his Company as a Private & after his arrival was apprehended in New London by the officer who enlisted him into the United States service & is now in Fort Trumbull"

Your Excellency will doubtless recollect that it was thought to be adviseable that the troops should be furnished with the article of Potatoes after the U. S. Contractor began his issues of rations, & which they were not liable to furnish; in consequence of which they have been supplied & I am responsible for payment of them, the late assistant State Commissary thinks that he has no authority to pay for them, and I must therfore apply to your Excellency to know in what manner I am to be reimbursed — the Force of the Enemy now off the Harbour (about 4 Miles from the Eastern Point) consists of one 74 one Frigate & one Sloop of War, — The American Squadron have dropped down this side of the bar & one & a Half Miles from their former anchorage, from whence they can sail directly out to Sea whenever a favorable opportunity presents itself. —

His Excellency
Governor SMITH
&c &c

I have the honour to be
Sir Your most obedient Servant
Wm WILLIAMS Mj^r General

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire
Sharon, New London C^t Octb^r 4

[Endorsed] Major Genl. Williams 2. Oct. 1813 — answ^d 8th —
Lay before the council —

NATHANIEL TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:149]

HARTFORD Octr 4th 1813

His Excellency Govr Smith
Sir

Inclosed are your Excellency's orders dated 3^d of June last, which I return to have the date altered, or to have the order

so altered that I shall continue in command untill another is chosen & commissioned in my room — although the first mentioned alteration would be most agreable to me, yet I think that the Interests of the Company & of the public, would be best promoted by the latter — If your Excellency should think proper to alter the date, I wish the order may be made to bear date the 16th of this month of October, if it should be tho't best to make the other alteration, I would take the liberty to suggest that it be in these words "*whenever another shall be chosen & commissioned in our room*" & be interlined where I have mark'd a *caret* in the 4th line from top — I have presumed to make this suggestion, because the alteration will affect me only, and I have no right to request that one should be made affecting Capn Bull & Lieut Mitchel without their consent, they now considering themselves dismiss'd absolutely — Walter Phelps a corporal in the Company of guards under my command, is desirous of enlisting into Capn Scarboro's Company of Horse of the State Corps, I have tho't it improper to advise him to enlist, without the consent of the Commander in chief, because I have been of opinion that neither the Letter nor the Spirit of the Law authorised enlisting from the guards, *they* now belonging exclusively to the State service, & to enlist them would be only transferring them from one Corps to another in the same service, without increasing the force peculiarly appropriated to the defence of the State — however upon his request I have tho't it to be my duty, to mention to your Excellency, that as Commander of the guards, I have no objection to his enlisting into the State Corps, nor should I have if I were to continue in command, because his place in the guards may be very easily supplied, there being a number of good men now ready to enlist, whenever they can be taken — If your Excellency could make it convenient to return me an answer by the next mail, I should be glad, because I want to lead the guards to a choice of Officers in season to make my return early in the approaching Session of the General Assembly — I am with Sentiments of the highest Respect your Excellency's most obedt servt

NATHl TERRY

[Superscribed] His Excell^{y} JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Sharon Con^{t}

[Endorsed] Col. N. Terry — 4. Oct. 1813 answ^{d} 8th & order sent —

SIMEON COLLINS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:150]

WESTFIELD Oct 4th 1813

To his Excellency
John Cotton Smith Esqr

Sir

Having received an Ensign Commission from your Excellency in the fifth company, 2nd Regiment Connecticut State Corps, bearing date 28 day of January 1813, and having since removed into the state of Massachusetts, I take this opportunity to present you my thanks, and apprise you that I hereby resign my Commission, and solicit a discharge

I am (Sir) Your Most Obt. Hbl. Servt
SIMEON COLLINS

[Superscribed] To his Excellency, JOHN COTTON SMITH, Esqr Sharon Connect Westfield M^{s}. 4th Oct^{r}.

[Endorsed] Simeon Collins ensign 5th comp. 2. Reg^{t} state troops — resignation —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[3:151]

SHARON 8th Oct. 1813

Sir

Your letter of the 2nd instant is received.

Lieut. Col. Sanford's statement relative to the men belonging to the state troops who have enlisted into the Service of the United States deserves a serious consideration. I shall lay the subject before the Council early in the approaching Session, and will apprize you of the result —

It was my expectation & that of the council that our Commissary Genl would continue to supply the troops with the

article of potatoes even after Subsistence should be assumed by the U. States. I am not sure that written instructions were delivered to Col. Ward upon that point particularly; but I am apprehensive he will recognize the supply as falling within his department. Some arrangement will undoubtedly be made at the ensuing session of the legislature relative to those expenditures which may not be in the first instance strictly chargeable to the U. S. — And I cannot bring myself to doubt the Gen[l] government will ultimately pay for an article so essential to the health & comfort of the men.

I have felt much anxiety for our troops during the late excessive rains. Those in tents must have been much exposed, and I shall be truly happy to learn that they have escaped uninjured.

As I propose to be at N. Haven next week it will gratify me to receive a communication relative to the state of affairs at N. London, and to be informed amongst other things that provision is made for the payment of the troops last discharged —

I am sir &c. 'c.

J. C. S.

Major Gen[l] WILLIAMS

CYRUS DAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:152]

To his Excellency John C. Smith Governor
of the state of Connecticut Sir

I have herein inclosed a recommend from Daniel Wheeler Lieut. Col. Commandant of the 21st Reg[t] of Con. Militia for a Discharge from military Duty I regret that i am placed in a Situation that makes it become necessary for me to trouble your excellency with this kind of business but David Holmes Brigadier General has bin gone to the western part of York state ever since last March and has not yet returned. the reasons why i ask your Excellency to grant me a Dismishion are as follows I have performed a lengthy term of military Duty I have holden a Captain's Commishion later years &

have for some years past bin subject to frequent bodily infirmities & have a large family of small Children and an aged Mother to provide for and am not in very good Circumstances if your excellency sees Cause to grant me a Discharge from Military Duty please sir to hand it to Capt A. Gaston and he will forward it to me so that I can lead the Company to a choise and make return to the Hon. General assembly previous to the Close of the present seshion in so Doing your excellency will most oblige your humble servant CYRUS DAY

KILLINGLY Oct 11th AD 1813

[Superscribed] His Excelency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Oct. 30

[Endorsed] Capt. Cyrus Day's application for a discharge — Write to Gen[l] W. Williams & state to him that the off. ought to be discharged for certain delicate reasons mentioned by Capt. Gaston of the H. R. —

RETURN OF DELINQUENTS

[3:153]

Return of the Delinquents of a Detachment made from the first Brigade of Conn[t] Militia, pursuant to General Orders of the 6th September 1813.

No Reg[t]	No Comp.	Names & Rank		Town
1st	3d	Private	Jason Butler	Hartford
"	5th	"	Elihu Olmsted	Hartford, West division society
18th 1st	Lt.Inf.	"	Aaron Dewey Jr.	Granby
"	5th	"	Tim[o] Beman	Granby
19th 1st	Lt.Inf.	"	Jeremiah Antrim	East Windsor
"	"	"	Elisha Crosby	East Windsor
"	1st Batt[n]	"	Russell Hays	East Hartford
"	3d	"	Charles Gay	Bolton
"	6th	"	Marvin Cone	East Hartford, Orford society
"	"	"	Moses Childs	East Hartford, Orford society
"	8th	Corp[l]	Charles Stoughton	East Windsor, Wapping society
"	"	Priv[t]	Simeon Hovey	East Windsor, Wapping society
22d	3d	"	Moar Eddy*	Tolland

*The Col: states that Eddy claims he was not liable to be detached, on the ground, that he is but little more than 18 years of age; and that the 6 months which the law allows to equip himself in has not yet expired.

I certify on honor, that the above is a true return of those of the Detachment from the Brigade under my command, made pursuant to General Orders of the 6th September 1813, who refused or neglected to appear at the appointed Rendezvous the 13th of said Septr to march for the defence of the United States' squadron at New London.

Hartford, 12th October 1813.

MOSES TRYON, Jr. Brig. Gen: 1 Brig
By P. B. GLEASON, Brig: Majr & Inspr

HARTFORD, 12th October 1813 —

Adjt Genr Huntington

sir,

Yours of 6th inst. addressed to Gen Tryon was duly recd and he directed me to furnish the [inf]ormation required, which is herein inclosed. But before it could be prepared, Gen: Tryon unexpectedly left Town, not to return under several days from this time: of course it is sent without his own proper signature

I am, sir, very respectfully
Yr. ob: servt
P. B. GLEASON, Brig. Majr & Inspr

[Superscribed] Adjt Gen: Ebenezer Huntingon, Esqr. Norwich

[Endorsed] Gen1 Moses Tryon Return Delinquents Octo 12 1813 This letter relates solely to the militia of the state of Connecticut

Moses Tryon Jr. Brig. Gen. 1st Brig.
By P. B. Gleason, Brig. Majr & Inspr

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Printed Document — here omitted

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Statistical Information, omitted in this publication.

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:156]

NORWICH 13th October 1813

His Excellency Governour Smith

Sir

Inclosed herewith your Excellency will receive a return of the exempt companies formed under the Statute of August 1812 & a printed Copy of the Gen[l] Order forming those associated previous to June 2[d] 1813, into Battalions, Regiments & Brigade — some few companies have not yet returned the choice made to fill the vacancies made, by appointing the Brigadier & Field Officers, but in all instances where returns have been made, commissions have issued to the new elected officers — Commissions have also been made & forwarded to the officers of those associations, accepted by your excellency since June 2[d] 1813, excepting Branford, from which no return has been rec[d] — Not having received returns but from four brigades & one of those neglecting to forward a return of the Matross in the brigade, I have inclosed only a return of *the strength* of those four brigades reserving the inspection returns of the Infantry, Cavalry & artillery untill I can complete them —

As the annual return now forwarded is incomplete, I wish your excellency at the close of the session would return it to me, & as soon as I am possessed of the returns from the several brigades, I will complete & forward a sett for you — In obedience to your direction I have called on the respective brigadiers for a return of those who have been detached, & have refused or neglected to obey the order — these returns have not been received.

I have as yet rec[d] no returns from the volunteers as to their equipment — when rec[d] it shall be forwarded

The returns from the 1 & 2 regiments of State Troops of those who refused or declined marching when ordered, shall be forwarded when I obtain a return of Artillery Men, which hath not been rec[d] — I regret my inability to give your excellency complete returns I presume the strength of the State

Corps, has not varied since my last return to your excellency
I am with much respect & esteem
your excellencys humble serv^{t}
EBEN: HUNTINGTON Adj^{t} Genl
& Major Genl of Connecticut
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour *Smith*

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[3:157]

N. HAVEN 15. Oct. 1813 —

Sir —

Cyrus Day a captain in the 21st regiment of militia within your division has applied to me, in the absence of his Brigadier General for a discharge from military duty — I have referred him to his Major General — In addition to the reasons urged in his application, I am informed by the representatives from that town there is another ground too delicate for Capt. Day to mention — It is said his military talents are not such as entitled him to promotion — that there is a vacancy in the office of Major in the regiment and that altho' capt. Day has the claim in point of seniority, there is little or no chance for his appointment by the legislature — I am desired to suggest these circumstances for your consideration — without pretending to dictate or advise, I feel assured you will decide correctly —

I have just received a communication from a committee appointed by the field & commissioned officers of the State troops at New London, dated 29th Sept. last representing that their tents prove a very incompetent shelter at this inclement season and earnestly requesting more suitable accommodations — Also expressing their fears that the wages of the officers & men would not be paid at the close of their term of Service — The first ground of complaint I am credibly informed has been since removed and that the troops are now in comfortable quarters — Should this not be the case I trust that Genl Burbeck or some other officer or agent of the U. S. on that ground will see that immediate provision is made for

this purpose. I also hope there will be no delay in the payment of the wages. There will assuredly be the less excuse for such delay from the circumstance that the service is *limited to a certain period.*

On these two points I am desirous of receiving information as early as it may be in your power to communicate it.

I am Sir respectfully your ob^{t} ser.

[Endorsed] To Maj^{r} Genl Williams 15. Oct. 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO MARTIN ELLSWORTH AND OTHERS

[3:158]

Gentlemen

Your representation in behalf of the field, commissioned and staff officers in the military corps now on duty at N. London bearing date the 29th last month is this day received and has been attentively considered.

Whilst I regret the hardships and privations to which our citizen soldiery have endured in the course of a burdensome service, it is with real pleasure I am informed that since the date of your communication better accommodations have been provided and that the troops are now in comfortable quarters. Lest however there should be some mistake in this information I have lost no time in addressing a letter to Major General Williams upon this interesting subject and I trust the ground of complaint if it now exists will be removed.

Every effort on my part gentlemen will be employed to insure a punctual payment of the wages due the detachment at the close of their term of service. I hope there will be no occasion hereafter for making detachments from the military corps "in such manner as to bring a proportion of the privates of the companies into the field & have the remaining part at home" — In the present instance the measure was adopted by the advice of the Council and seemed to arise from the necessity of the case —

Altho' your sacrifices have been great, you will have the consolation to reflect, and it is the best reward of patriotism,

that your services are highly important to the State, and entittle you to the gratitude of your country —

With earnest wishes, gentlemen, for your prosperity & that of the respectable corps you represent I am your friend & obedient servant

[Endorsed] To Maj^{r} Ellsworth &^{c} officers of Mil. corps. 16. Oct. 1813

JOSHUA P. BURNHAM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:159]

HARTFORD 16th October 1813 —

His Excellency

John Cotton Smith Esq:

S^{r}, For eighteen years I have performed military duty in the first Company of your Excellency's Horse Guards, the three last years I have had the Honour of commanding them, the station of Major Commandant of this Company. I now beg leave to resign. Will your Excellency have the goodness to accept my resignation? — Conscious of the honour confered upon me & hoping that I have executed the duties of my office to your Excellencys approbation — I am with great respect your

Excellency's most Obliged
& most Ob^{t} Humbl^{e} Servant
JOSHUA P. BURNHAM

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr New Haven

[Endorsed] Major Josh. P. Burnham's resignation as Com^{t} of 1. Co^{y} Horse Guards. Not accepted wrote him 5. Nov. 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[3:160]

My dear Sir

I understand Major Perkins is appointed an U. States paymaster for this district. Will you be so good as to inquire of him, and inform me accordingly, whether he has funds in

his hands to discharge the wages of the late and present detachments at New London? — Also whether he does not feel himself authorized to pay the small sections of militia which have been ordered out, on alarms at several points on the coast? — I must think they come fairly within his province — These short but urgent services were all dependant upon the main operations at New London and therefore fall in my view within the promise of the secretary of war that the "Surplus force beyond the number first arrayed, should be paid" — I hope Major Perkins will consider the subject in the same light. Favour me with an answer as speedily as may be convenient —

Your several letters containing various military returns are received — I am sorry, very sorry to acknowledge also the receipt of your resignation as commandant of the Military corps — It is communicated to the Council and has been postponed for consideration —

In haste I am my dear Sir
yours very sincerely —

[Endorsed] To Gen[l] E. Huntington 16. Oct. 1813 —

GEORGE L. PERKINS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[3:161]

NORWICH Oct 18 1813 —

His Excellency
Gov[r] Smith
Sir

I will not attempt an apology, for the liberty I take at this time — presuming your Excellency will excuse it, when the nature of my communication is known —

I have the pleasure to inform of the receipt of funds, for payment of the last two detachments on service at New London — and flatter myself that funds will also be placed in my hands a short time hence for payment of the Troops now on service — no exertions shall be wanting on my part to effect this object —

I am not aware of any impropriety in my paying the several detachments ordered on service at Saybrook, New Haven &[c] for protection of the coast — provided they were properly

mustered — if unfortunately, any objections should arise your Excellency shall be informed — it will afford me particular pleasure at all times to comply with your Excellency's wishes —

Respectfully I have the
Honor to be your
Excellencys ob Servt
GEO L PERKINS

[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov SMITH New Haven N.
London C Oct 20 P. Service Geo. L. Perkins Dis. P Master
[Endorsed] Paymaster Perkins 18. Oct. 1813 —

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:1]

NORWICH 19th Octo^{r} 1813

His Excellency Governour Smith
My dear sir

Yesterdays mail furnished me with your esteem^{d} favour of the 16th & in obedience to your wishes therein mentioned I have conversed with the Pay Master of this district respecting payment of the militia on the coast — his feelings strongly impel him to meet the wishes of your excellency, & I believe he will pay those westward to New Haven, but he thinks it doubtful whether he has the right . . . he makes no question respecting those at Stonington & Saybrook —

I should recommend that Col^{o} Sill be directed to call on the Pay Master for information respecting his pay rolls &c

The sum which has been rec^{d} by Mr Perkins is only thirty thousand, & was & is intended for the payment of those troops dismissed the 16 of this month — he informs me he is waiting for Genl Williams's *estimate of the sum wanted* for the present detachment, which is a document which precedes his receipt of money for the troops — he has written to Genl Williams again on the subject — I thank your excellency for the feelings of regret which you express at my resignation — but I can assure your excellency that it can bear no comparison to the regret I feel that the necessity of doing it, should be imputable

solely to the proceedings of the honorable council, bearing on a man whose whole life has been devoted to the public, & who has grown grey in their service, without ever having been remunerated for his services, or ever receiving a dollar from their liberality — I view the decision of the council unmilitary & unnecessary, & intended to bear *personally*, Which I acknowledge I feel sensibly

I am with sentiments
of respect & esteem
your very humble servant
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

Private
as all my letters must be
when written under the influence of
feeling or indignity

His Exc^{y} Gov SMITH

Since writing the above I am honored with your favour of the 18th respecting the detachment for the defence of the borough of Stonington — Inclosed is a copy of my letter to Col^{o} Randall which was put into the Post Office, the day of its date

I am as above
E HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH New Haven Mail 19 Octo^{r} 1813 Chelsea Landing C^{t} October 19 10

[Endorsed] Genl Eben^{r} Huntington de pay of troops — 19. Oct. 1813 —

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:2]

NEW LONDON October 20, 1813

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr,
Sir

Your favours of the 8 & 15th Instant have duly come to hand by mail — I have delayed an earlier Reply for the purpose of giving more correct information relating to the payment

of the Troops now stationed here — Maj^{r} George L. Perkins the paymaster of the United States for this district has this day informed me that $30,000 had been received by him to discharge the claims of the State Corps under Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Shepard & the Militia under Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Howe, Maj^{r} Perkins also informed me that he has made a Recqusition upon the War Department for funds to meet the expenses of the State Corps & Militia now under my Command —

The State Corps on their first arrival ware furnished with Tents where they remained untill the severity of the weather induced me to provide Quarters for them in private houses, where they now remain —

Capt Day has never made any application to me for a dismisal — whenever such application is made I hope to decide it with impartiality, and to consult at the same time the best good of the Militia of my Division — The Troops have been uniformly supplied with potatoes which I ventured to furnish as I considered them an indispensable article for the health & comfort of the men, I am happy that for the measure I have the sanction of your Excellency. The Health of the Troops has been generally good & their conduct very Correct — as to the State of affares here & the probability of our Squadron effecting an Esape this Winter I refur your Excellency to the Representations from this Town — Our Squadron is now about 3 Miles only up the River prepared to seize any favourable oppertunaty to get to Sea of which their officers I believe have Sanguine Expectations —

With Sentiments of Respect
I remain Your Ob^{t} ser^{t}
Wm Williams
Maj^{r} Genl, Commanding

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr,
New Haven N. London C Oct 20 10

[Endorsed] Major Genl Williams 20. Oct. 1813 —

LUCIUS SMITH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:3]

LITCHFIELD Oct 21st 1813 —

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's communication under date the 19th Inst By which I am informed that your Excellency together with the Honrble The Council, have appointed me Lieutenant Colonel of the first Regt of *State Troops*, I am gratified by this renewed instance of your Excellencys confidence in me as an Officer and will accept the trust,

I am very Respectfully
your Excellency's Obedient Servant
LUCIUS SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH New Haven
[Endorsed] Lt Col. L, Smith's acceptance Oct. 1813 —

ELIHU SANFORD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:4]

NEW LONDON Octr 21t 1813

To
His Excellency Sr

I acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th Inst appointing me Colo of the 2d Regt of the Military Corpes; In answer I have only to Observe that as I have set my hand to the Plow (as long as your Excellency permits) I will not look back.

I have the honour to be your
Excellency's most obedient
and very humble servant
ELIHU SANFORD

His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Govener &c
NB Seven British Ships of War now in the Chops of the Harbour.
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Captain General New Haven 10 N. London. C Oct — 22
[Endorsed] Col. E. Sanford's acceptance Oct. 13 —

EBENEZER GROSVENER TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[4:5]

New London 21 Oct 1813 —

Brigadier Gen[l] *Eben*[r] *Huntington*

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate to you such information as can be had concerning the men who have never joined the Detachment from the 2 Regt of Connecticut State Troops — Daniel Clark resides in Windham — he was absent from home when he was detached — notice was left at his residence — he returned not long after — was taken ill & has been & continues so much indisposed as to reder him an unfit subject for military duty —

There was, on the arrival of Capt. Copeland's detachment at the Rendesvous in Norwich, a deficiency of 6 men from Capt Bigelows Company: an order issued, by your direction for men to be sent on in lieu of several who were present but unfit for duty — thro a mistake in the Lieut who commanded the detachment from Capt Bigelows Company the order was made for 1 less than the actual number required — of course there has been a deficiency of one private from Capt[n] Bigelows company but not from any fault either of the Private or of his Captain — the latter having never been informed of the fact — — There is then but one Private, to wit, the s[d] Dan[l] Clark who has failed to join, after having been properly notified —

Signed by Order of the Lieut Col Com[d]

Eben[r] Grosvener Adjutant

[Superscribed] Brigadier Gen[l] Eben[r] Huntington Norwich

N. London. C Oct — 22

[Endorsed] Return of delinquents 2[d] Reg[t] Octo 22 1813

NATHANIEL TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:6]

HARTFORD Octr 22^{d} 1813

His Excell^{y} Govr Smith

sir

I have receiv'd your Excellency's Letter of the 18th Instant, giving me notice of my being appointed to the command of the Brigade of State Troops — I beg leave to express my acknowledgments to your Excell^{y} & the Hon. Council for this mark of confidence, and to signify my acceptance of the appointment — I am with high Respect your Excellency's most obedient servant NATH^{l} TERRY

[Superscribed] His Excell^{y} Govr SMITH New Haven Mail 8 paid

[Endorsed] B. Genl N. Terry's Acceptance — Oct. 1813 —

REPORT OF QUARTER MASTER GENERAL

[4:7]

To the Honorable General Assembly of the State of Connecticut now in session —

The subscriber Q. M. Genl of the Militia of said State begs leave respectfully to report that in obedience to the orders given him at your session in May last he has procured for the use of this State one field officers markee and one hundred soldiers tents fourteen wall tents made of good substantial tow cloth; six hundred camp-kettles of sheet iron, one thousand canteens, one hundred axes, one hundred peckaxes, four thousand pounds weight of grape shot, twelve hundred pounds weight of Two pound shot, and one covered waggon; — that the grape shot have all been put into canisters ready for immediate use; and part of them sent to New London and other points of defence along the seacoasts —

That the whole of the tents cost		$1264
600 Camp kettles	D^{o}	593
1,000 Canteens	d^{o}	100
100 Axes helved fit for use	d^{o}	150
100 Peck axes	d^{o}	125-25
4,000 lbs. Grape shot	d^{o}	300
1 Covered Waggon	d^{o}	102
1,200 lbs of 2 lb shot	d^{o}	83

That in obedience to an other order or resolve of the General Assembly passed at the same Session measures have been taken to ascertain the quantity and quality of the old iron ordnance there is in different parts of the State, and which has not been in use since the Revolutionary war. — There are at Stonington point Seven nine pounders and two 6s; — Saybrook one nine and one four; — Killingworth two fours; — Guilford one six; — Branford one six; — New Haven one six; — Milford five six's; — Saugatuck one six; — Fairfield two twelves and two sixes; — Stamford one six; — Hartford one six; — some few of which are apparently fit for service, but the greater part are so corroded with rust, having lain on and many of them in the ground, for such a length of time, that it is very uncertain whether any use could be made of some of them excepting as old metal; — yet it might be advisable to be at some expence for Tools and apparatus for boreing them anew before they are disposed of as such; — and without which it will be extremely difficult if not impossible to ascertain the real state of many of them

Respectfully submitted
JOHN MIX Q M Genl Connecticut Militia

NEW HAVEN
October 23rd 1813

A true Copy as on file
Attest.
THOMAS DAY Secretary

[Endorsed] Copy of Report of the Q. M. General de purchase of camp equipage — also de iron ordnance —

NATHANIEL TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:8]

HARTFORD October 23d 1813

His Excelly Gov. Smith
sir

I wrote to your Excelly on the 22d signifying my acceptance of the appointment of Brigadier of the State Corps, which your Excellency and the Hon. Council have been pleased to

confer upon me — I mention it here, because I think it possible that my Letter, (which went by the Mail,) may have miscarried —

Mr James H. Wells of this Town is chosen Ensign of the l^t C^o of Guards, in their late choice of Officers — Mr Wells is by birth an Englishman — he has resided almost twenty years in this Country, is naturalized, & expects to Spend the remainder of his days here — he is a man of great worth of charracter, & warmly attached to the Interests of the State, & is ready to defend them against any Enemy but his native Country, & even as to that Enemy his fidelity to the State cannot be doubted, but prudence requires that he should not incur the hazard of being taken in arms against them — Mr Wells was about to decline accepting the Office to which he was chosen, but upon my representing to him, that possibly your Excell^y might give him some assurance that in the event of the Companys being called into service against the Enemy he should be permitted to resign, or at least not compelled to serve, he did not decline — If I might be permitted to express an opinion, I should say that the public Interests would suffer by losing a man of Mr Wells' firm & respectable charracter from the guards; whether the course above mentioned can consistently be persued, I shall not *presume* to determine — It is true that Mr Wells is now a member of the Company, but he enlisted long before the war commenced, & while called upon to do only the ordinary duty, he could not with propriety be discharged, but he thinks that he cannot without injustice to himself do an act which will pledge him to fight against Great Brittain —

I am with the highest Respect your Excellencys Most obed^t serv^t

NATH^l TERRY

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr SMITH New Haven

[Endorsed] Genl N. Terry — de guards — &c &c

VOTE OF THE BAR

[4:9]

At a meeting of the Gentlemen of the Bar, attending on the Honorable General Assembly October 23d 1813

Voted that the Chairman of the Bar, respectfully request, the Honorable Gen[l] Assembly to continue the Public Hearings, untill the Causes assigned shall have been heard. The great length of some Causes tried last week, & the interruption experienced in the business, the great importance of some Petitions yet to be heard, & the numerous Persons attending from different parts of the State, as well as the public interests involved, induce the Bar to hope that their request may be granted. October 23d 1813

NATHAN SMITH Chairman

[Endorsed] Vote of the Bar

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:10]

NEW LONDON 25th October 1813.

Sir/

The time for which the present detachment was called into service will expire on Saturday next.

Lieut Colos Shepherd & Howe when their respective Regiments were dismissed, raised by their personal credit the difference between the pay granted by the United States & that provided by the Laws of this state. — This measure was highly acceptable to the Soldiers who were destitute of funds, & proved of essential service in their journey home. — as the Legislature are now in session Lieut Colos Sterling & Sandford doubt the propriety of adopting such a course themselves, and I have therefore taken the liberty to suggest the subject to your Excellency. — It will not escape your notice that Two Dollars a month to each private will be not only acceptable at the time of his dismissal but in many instances are absolutely necessary to enable some to reach their homes in comfort. —

If this sum is ultimately to be an expence to this State it cannot be a great evil for the Treasury to advance it in the course of this week or make such provision that the Troops may receive their Money on Saturday.

If the subject merits your Excellencys attention allow me further to remark that an early reply is desirable, as it will require some time to furnish the necessary Pay Rolls & have them completed on Saturday Morning.

I have the honour to be
Your Excellencys
Mo obedient Hble Servt
Wm Williams Major General
Commanding

His Excellency
Governor Smith

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr New Haven, N. London. C Oct — 25 10

[Endorsed] Major Gen[l] Williams 25. Oct. 1813 — rec[d] 26th answ[d] D[o]

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[4:11]

N. Haven 25. Oct 1813 —

Sir —

I have directed that returns be made to you of the different Sections of militia who have been called into service for short periods in consequence of Sudden alarms on the coast from the British Squadron — As they are but branches of the System of operations at N. London they fall under the authorization heretofore given by the Secretary of War & ought to go into the general account — It is by the advice of the council that this measure is adopted & you will no doubt feel much cheerfulness in carrying it into effect — I am Sir &c

Major Gen[l] Williams —

[Endorsed] To Major Gen[l] Williams — 25. Oct. 1813 —

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:12]

NORWICH 25 Octo^{r} 1813

My dear sir

Since I wrote to your excellency last, I have rec^{d} no returns from the brigades then deficient, excepting an imperfect return from the third — I have rec^{d} returns from the *State Troops*, & from the first & 4th brigades, of the names of those persons who either refused or neglected to march, in obedience to the detail made in September —

Your excellency was pleased to remark in one of your letters from Sharon, that the appointment of Mr Henry Strong to be Notary, should take place, notwithstanding the recommendation of the Gentleman from the South part of the town by Mr Goddard — Will your excellency permit me to ask your attention to the subject before you leave New Haven for Sharon — I have not been favored with a line, from your excellency since I wrote you last week — I am with much esteem & respect

yours very sincerely

EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH New Haven
Mail Chelsea Landing C^{t} October 25

[Endorsed] Ad. Genl Huntington 25. Oct. 1813.

WILLIAM RANDALL TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[4:13]

STONINGTON 26th Oct. 1813 —

General Ebene^{r} Huntington Sir,

I am sorry to inform you that I have not untill this day Rec^{d} your order of the 23^{d} Sept^{e} directing a detachment from the 30th Reg^{t} and as their term of service was to expire on the 1st Nov. I thought it most expedient to defer detaching untill further orders

The inhabitants of Stonington Borough are extremely anxious for a guard and have enquired several times if I had

rec^{d} your order, which Gen. Williams stated to me and thru you had Issued. your order was this day forwarded to me from the Post Office and why I have not Rec^{d} it before I can form no Idea as I have called [frequently] at the office several times of late

Yours with Respect
WILLIAM RANDALL

[Superscribed] Gen. EBENE^{r} HUNTINGTON Norwich N. Stonington 27th Oc^{t} Paid 8

[Endorsed] Col. Randall's letter to Genl E. Huntington — de guard — 26th Oct. 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO [WILLIAM WILLIAMS]

[4:14]

26. Oct. 1813 —

Sir

I have just rec^{d} your favour of 25th inst. Hez. Goddard Esqr is this day appointed P. M. General of the state, thro' whom it is expected the troops now at N. London will receive the proportion of wages due them from this government — The mail being about to close I have only time to add that I am Sir your ob. he. ser^{t}

On reverse of this letter

NEW HAVEN 19. Oct. 1813 —

Dear Sir

I have thought proper, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, to appoint you Lieutenant colonel of the first regiment in the

ELIHU MONSON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:15]

NEW HAVEN Octr 26th 1813

To His Excellency John C. Smith

Sir It is now five years since I was honored with the Commission of Major Comman^{t} of the 2^{d} Company of Governors Horse Guards. at that time my circumstances were such as

would justify my acceptance of the Office, since then adverse fortune has considerably impaired my pecuniary Affairs. and I find that Justice to my Creditors & Family, requires that I should curtail every extra expense & excersise the stretest [strictest] economy. for these reasons & the length of time I have served, I trust your Excellency will accept my resignation & discharge me from any farther duty
I would request your Excellency to give an order immediately to lead the Company to the Choice of an Officer to fill the vacancy made by my discharge.

I am with the highest respect your
Excellency most Obed & Hum[l] Serv[t]

ELIHU MONSON

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH New Haven
[Endorsed] Major E. Monson's resignation — Accepted 26th & order issued same day —

HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:16]

NEW LONDON Oct[r] 27th 1813

sir

I recei[e] yours of the 26th instant informing me of the appointment made by the Gen[l] Assembly of Paymaster Gen[l]
In answer to your letter, I shall accept of the appointment with diffidence & endeuour not to disappoint the trust which your Excellency & the Hon[ble] Assembly have committed to me,

I am sir your most
Obedient servant
HEZ. GODDARD

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH New Haven
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq. New Haven N. London. C Oct — 27
[Endorsed] Major H. Goddard 20. June 1814 rec[d] 23rd & answ[d] —

JOEL WALTER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:17]

NEW HAVEN 27th Oct 1813

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith Esquire,

Sir,

I am a member of the Second Company of the Governor's Horse Guards, & cornet of the same. At the time the paper was circulating for signature, praying for an act incorporating the Company, I with some others was induced to sign the petition, merely from a wish to see such a corps established in this city, & with the impression that I could subsequently withdraw my name if I chose so to do. A few days afterwards I was unexpectedly notified to appear, at a specified time & place, to make election of officers. Thus Sir, I found, not only that a company was incorporated, but that I (with others) was required by name to appear &c. Several however plead their intention to do no more than encourage the success of the petition, (precisely my own intention,) and have never done duty or paid fines in the company. —

Althou' always an exempt from military duty, not having been under command in my life, I was averse to this course, & resolved, if my state of health would permit, to serve faithfully & promote the best interests of the company. I can Sir, with confidence, appeal to the officers for proof that I have thus done, from the moment the corps was instituted, & Major Monson authorises me to say that he will, if your Excellency pleases, fully confirm my statement.

But thro' bodily infirmity, which from its nature must be durable as life, I find every day's service to cause me much inconvenience & pain. And that my complaint would necessarily exempt me from duty, under the military laws, I can, if your Excellency pleases, promptly produce the testimony of any respectable Physician or Surgeon in this city. —

For this reason, I have to solicit of your Excellency my

discharge from the Company, while I am Sir most respectfully your obliged & humble Servant

JOEL WALTER

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq New Haven

[Endorsed] Joel Walter's resignation as Cornet 2nd Comp. Horse guards — Accepted 28th Octr 1813 — order issued same day

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA SILL

[4:18]

NEW HAVEN 29th Oct. 1813 —

Col. Elisha Sill 7th regiment of Militia —

Sir

Pursuant to a request from certain inhabitants of the town of Saybrook and of Brigadier General Burbeck commanding the U. states troops at New London I do hereby in conformity to advice of the Council direct you to detach from your regiment one Subaltern, two Sergeants, two corporals and twenty six privates for a guard at Saybrook point, to serve from the first day of November next to the 30th of the same month inclusive unless sooner discharged — Application must be immediately made to Brigadier General Burbeck at New London for provisions, to whom also the Subaltern commanding the detachment will apply for orders & to whom he must make report from time to time as shall be directed —

I am Sir your ob^t ser^t

[Endorsed] To Col. E. Sill orders for a guard at Saybrook — 29th Oct. 1813 — A like order to Col. Randal for guard at Stonington

ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING GUARDS AT SAYBROOK AND STONINGTON

[4:19]

At a meeting of the Governor and Council at New Haven Octr 29 - 1813 -

His Excellency the Governor, having communicated to the Council, a request from Brigadier General Burbeck that a

Command of one Subaltern two Sargents two corporals and twenty Six privates may be Stationed at Saybrook & the Same number at Stonington

The Council do advise the Governor to comply with the request of General Burbeck and to direct the officers commanding such detachments to report themselves to General Burbeck —

Passed in the Council —
Attest JONa BRACE Clerk
A true copy —
Examined —
By JONa BRACE Clerk —

[Endorsed] Advice of the Council de guards at Saybrook &c. Oct. 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HENRY BURBECK

[4:20]

NEW HAVEN 30. Oct. 1813 —

Sir

Your letter of the 26th instant is received. I have accordingly issued orders to Col. Sill of the Seventh regiment and Col. Randall of the thirtieth to detach from their respective regiments a Subaltern, two Sergeants, two corporals and twenty Six privates to be stationed as guards at Saybrook and Stonington and to serve from the first to the thirtieth day of November next, unless sooner discharged. I have directed that application be made to you at New London for subsistence, and that the Subalterns commanding the detachments report themselves to you from time to time as shall be required —

I presume infantry will answer the purpose especially those on the coast as they have generally some acquaintance with the use of artillery — The artillery companies in that neighbourhood have all been in service — and to draw from that corps at a distance would require more time than is now allowed us, aside of the inconvenience which must necessarily attend such a measure at this advanced Season —

Capt. Elijah Comstock of Lyme has this moment called in company with Capt. Lee of the Revenue cutter, and informs me one of the British cruisers in the sound has recently captured his vessel & crew — The vessel has been recovered, but the hands are now prisoners on board the Squadron off N. London — Any assistance you can afford him in obtaining a release of the men either by exchange or parol I doubt not will be readily granted — Capt. Comstock will wait on you for this purpose —

I am Sir &c

B. Gen[l] BURBECK

[Endorsed] To Gen H. Burbeck 30. Oct. 1813 — de guards —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN MIX

[4:21]

N. HAVEN 3. Nov. 1813 —

D[r] Sir

The General Assembly have ordered the arms procured at Pittsfield to be inspected and *proved*. Accordingly the arms now at N. London (which were of that number) are not to be put into the hands of an artificer for repair, but must be deposited in some safe place, until an inspector can be provided —

The Legislature have also passed a resolution for "the examination proof and preservation" of the iron ordnance on the coast belonging to the State — Be pleased to favour me with your opinion as to the proper mode of accomplishing this object —

I have informed Judge Griffin that you will let the company of volunteers at Guilford take one of the Six pounders in possession of Capt. Jewett until farther order —

The *militia* artillery company near Sagutuck have no other piece than a swivel — M[r] Sherwood informs me they have discovered an iron six pounder well worthy of being mounted & that it can be done for a very moderate price — I am satisfied from the representation that their wishes ought to be gratified as soon as the piece has been duly proved —

In the hurry incident to the close of the session I may omit to communicate to you many things deserving of notice. At present I will only add that I doubt not you are taking the necessary measures with the public property at New London — and that I am with real truth & regard Dr Sir your friend & ob^{t} serv^{t}

[Endorsed] To Q. M. General Mix — de proof of arms &c

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOSHUA P. BURNHAM

[4:22]

SHARON 5. Novr 1813 —

Sir

Your resignation as Major Commandant of the first company of Governour's Horse guards has been received and attentively considered.

I should rejoice in an opportunity of affording you any personal gratification not prejudicial to the public interest; but Sir you cannot feel disobliged when I assure you, that your distinguished qualifications for command, connected with the peculiar situation of the country render it, in my view, incompatible with the duty I owe the state to release you at present from military service —

I am Sir with sincere exteem
& regard your ob^{t} & very Hum. ser^{t}
J.C.S.—

Major J. P. BURNHAM

[Endorsed] To Major J. P. Burnham Com^{t} of 1. Com. Horse Guards.

JOHN MIX TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:23]

HARTFORD November 6th 1813.

His Excellency Governor Smith,

Sir,

Yours of 3^{d} instant from New Haven I received the day after its date at New London; — while there, I call'd on Genl Burbeck to see if he would order the property or any part

thereof which had been procured by this State at that port, to be received by a national agent as the property of the United States; — this he wholly declined; — I accordingly directed Mr Goddard to make sale of the horses, waggons, boats &^c to the best advantage at his discretion. —

On my return this day I saw Col^o Buell, and a copy of the Resolve directing a new proof of the Pittsfield guns, with your Etcellency's appointment of him for that purpose; — he will not be able to make the proof and necessary inspection, without having them at his shop; — I have made arrangements to get them there. —

I have sent Judge Griffin an order to take one of the six pounders at N. London for the volunteer corps at Guilford; as one out of the three ought to be removed from thence, two being as many as that matross company will be able to manage; and as Capt Jewett's company would consider it a death blow to have one of their pieces taken from them, I thought this to be the best calculation, and hope it will be approbated. — I have heard what Capt Jewett's fealings are respecting this, since I conversed with your Excellency on the same subject. —

As to the old iron ordnance along the coast, no better mode for its examination and preservation has as yet occurred to me than to send some trusty man with a waggon to carry powder and ball fitted to the various calibers of the pieces, with strong iron scrapers, and other instruments to clear out, and get of the rust from the inside, and those that will stand severe proof, lay on blocks, or stone considerably raised from the ground, the vents turned down, the muzzels lowest, to prevent water from entering the caliber, and in that situation remain 'till wanted for real use. —

Proving and mounting the cannon at Saugatuck shall be attended to without delay. —

I am now at the place of date on my way home from N. London, where every thing remains quiet. —

I am Sir,

with much respect and esteem,

your Excellencys obedient servant

John Mix

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH, Sharon. — 10

[Endorsed] Col. John Mix Q. M. Genl 6. Novr 1813 — rec^{d} 10th answ^{d} 12th concerning proof of arms. also proof of iron cannon &^{c}

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN MIX

[4:24]

SHARON 12th Nov. 1813

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 6th instant from Hartford has been duly received — I entirely approve of the arrangements you have made respecting the public property at New London and also of the course taken to supply the volunteers at Guilford with ordnance —

After despatching my letter of the 3rd instant, on a consultation with the Council, Col. Buel of Marlborough was designated to execute the resolve of Assembly relative to the Pittsfield arms — It may be well, as you propose, to bring the arms lately at N. London to his shop for proof & inspection inasmuch as they will be so far on their way to the arsenal. But according to my present impressions I cannot think it expedient to transport those at Hartford to Marlborough. The trouble & expense will be considerable, and surely it will be in the power of Col. Buel to find suitable accommodations at Hartford — The resolve is silent on the subject of cleaning & putting the arms in repair which shall have sustained the requisite proof — This will therefore fall within the province of the Q. M. General, and possibly you will think it adviseable to employ Col. Buel for that purpose.

Your observations relative to the examination proof & preservation of the iron cannon on the coast are in my view correct. I must consequently request you to carry the intentions of the legislature into effect as speedily as your other official duties will permit — a copy of the resolution is subjoined — will you be so kind as to furnish me if attainable

without inconveniencing, with the rules prescribed by the war department for the proof of small arms? —

I am Sir respectfully
your ob^{t} & very humble
ser^{t} —

Col. Mix Q. M. G.
[Endorsed] To Q. M. Genl Mix 12. Nov 1813 —

LEONARD E. WALES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:25]

New Haven, Novr 16th 1813

His Excellency J. C. Smith Esq
Sir,

I have applications, & frequent opportunities, to transact the business of Notary Public. My Office is opposite the Bank, & in a very central situation.

Should your Excellency think [the] commercial interest of this plac[e] would be at all accommodated by the measure, I should be glad to be appointed a Notary Public.

I am, with much respect,
Your Excellency's Obed^{t} Serv't
Leonard E. Wales

His Excellency J. C. Smith
[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith Esq Sharon, Conn't
[Endorsed] Leonard E. Wales Esqr — soliciting office of Not. Pub —

AMBROSE WHITTELSEY, JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:26]

Say Brook 25th Novem^{r} 1813 —

Sir,

The term for which the present guard at Fort Fenwick was ordered out has nearly expired, and it appears that the inclement weather of the season does not deter the Enemy from

approaching our Shores in Ships and Boats. We have for a number of days past, been more menaced by the Enemy, than for some time previous —

It seems they have added to their number of shipping on this Station, one or two Ships, one Brig and a three masted Lugger calculated for shoal water, and to row with about Sixty oars — This Boat with a Ship and Brig were near us yesterday — chased several Sloops to the westward, one or two of which ran into the shoal water near Killingworth, and were protected by the usual force at that place viz Capt Bray, company of artillery and the Militia —

Your Excellency is aware that Capt Jewetts two Brass pieces are kept about seven miles from the fort, and we do not count on them as any way useful to us in sudden attacks —

We would also beg leave to remark that the artillery now on the fort is not of that useful description which is deemed necessary — indeed we think there should be added at least two twelve pounders, to present any thing formidable to the Enemy. The old Six pounder which was brought from Stonington will not do much execution, untill it can be bored out —

From accounts and appearances, the war is to assume a more rigorous aspect, and we have reason to expect something more unpleasant, the Inhabitants of this place under existing circumstances, feel themselves peculiarly exposed to the dangers incident to the present war, and not receiving protection from the United States are compelled to trouble your Excellency. They are happy to realize, that they apply to one, who has manifested a paternal solicitude for their defence.

If this guard should be dismissed, and none ordered to take their place, we shall consider ourselves to be as much exposed as at any former period, unless the weather should become uncommonly cold — at present, the weather is favorably for the Enemy's operations.

We look to your Excellency for that protection, which in your Excellency's opinion may be necessary And in behalf of the [Inhabita]nts of this place,

I have [the ho]nor to be
your Excellency's
most obedt hble servt
AMBROSE WHITTELSEY, Junr

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon
Say Brook Novr 25 paid 10
[Endorserl] Amb. Whittelsey Jr 25. Novr 1813 — recd 3rd
Decr answered same day de guard at Saybrook —

AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:27]

KILLINGWORTH Novr 26th 1813

Sir —

During the last session of the Legislator at New-Haven — I had the honor of making some verbal communications to your Excellency — relating to the attack on this place on the 27th of Sept — Since that time we have not been molested by the Enemy untill the 24th Instant when we sustained an attack second to none that has been made since the war commenced by the Enemy on the Sea Board — *Hampton* Excepted. — It having fell to my lot, to take the commanding part in the attack I have thought It expedient to transmit to your Excellency the result — a more Effectual measure relating to the defence of a point so Peculiarly favorable to the attack of the Enemy may be thought necessary —

On Wednesday the 24th Instant — about 2 OClock P.M. a Sloop from Sag Harbour was driven into our Harbour by the Enemy — at 3 — Two of the Enemys armed Vessels a *Ship* and *Brig*, names unknown anchored abrest of the Harbor much nearer the Bar than any which before have visited us — Capt Saunders of this place was at this time at the Pier, with his Sloop loaded for New York — soon after the ship came to anchor — they commenced a heavy cannonading on us In all Directions — It being uncertain whither the Enemy would make an attempt to destroy the Vessels in the Harbor with their Boats, or to get Possession of the Point the east side of

the Harbor — — In order to completely frustrate either of those Designs — one of the Brass six Pounders belonging to the company under my command was Stationed some distance below the Vessels Lying in the Channel — under the command of Lieu^{t} Elliott covered from the fire of the ships by a high beach — in a Position to destroy the boats of the Enemy — in case they should make an attempt on the Vessels — and cover the retreat of the other Six Pounder if such an event should be necessary — with which I advanced to the east point of the Harbor, accompanyed with such of the Citizens as had Volenteered with their muskets. — We were protected at the mouth of the Harbor from the fire of the Ships by a high Bank and Rocks. — This position gave us full command of the shore east of the Harbour — An Iron 3 pounder maned by a number of spirited Volunteers — was taken in Boats across the west side of the Channel and took an advantageous position to defend the Vessels at the Pier — In this situation we remained during the day — The Enemy commenced the attack about 3 OClock P.M. — and continued it untill Sunset — They made two advances with their Boats towards the Vessels in the Channel — but the smell of *American Gun Powder* soon convinced them that their voyage would prove an unhealthy one — they did not proceed far from the ship. — finding that the Enemy would not risk their Boats in the Harbor — we turned our Artillery on the Brig which lay nearest in — perceiveing however that we could do the enemy no essential damage — we having no metal heavyer than our Six Pounders, which we had to elevate very much — we did not continue our fire any further than was necessary to convince the Enemy that we were not to be driven from our position — The Enemy remained in their Position untill 5 OClk A.M— of the 25th when they left the Harbor —

In the afternoon of the 25th a Sloop was chased in by the Brig but the enemy did not follow her — a shot from one of the Six Pounders was fired at her as she passed the Harbor without effect — How much execution has been done by our Artillery is unknown — On our part I am happy in haveing it in my power to say, no lives were lost which can be ascribed

alone to the Directing hand of Providence, for the ground all around us is Litterally plowed in furrows by the enemys shot. — about thirty of them have been dug up since the engagement mostly in the meadow in our rear — Those found are 9 - 12 — and 18 pound shot — one shot passed directly over the Brass piece at the point — struck the ground about one yard from the forward feet of the team which were tackeled to the Limbers of the piece a little in our rear. —

Much credit is due those of the Citizens who Volunteered their servace in manageing the Artillery — and also with smal arms, in an employment so peculiarly Dangerous, by their Patriotic exertions the lives and property of their fellow Citizens have been saved in the Hour of danger — this is also the second occasion in which thoes who volenteered their servace with the Iron 3 pounder on the west side of the Harbor have rendered Important servace to their Country —

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Excellencys
Obt Servt

AMAZIAH BRAY

His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH
Governor of the State of Connecticut

P. S.

The ammunition which was sent us from Hartford last summer is nearly exhausted — In the repeted attacks we have had — had the enemy attacked us the next day we should probably have been destitute — I have on all occations refrained from fireing when there was little prospect of doing execution — and in some Instances where a contrary course would have been proper but our stock of ammunition would not admit of It —

I have borrowed one cask of powder of Mr Redfield a Merchant of this place which has not been paid —

We have been much troubled for match rope I applyed to Mr Tilly of New London who has sent me a quantity for which he has sent me a Bill of $10.50

A BRAY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Governor of the State of Connecticut Sharon Killingworth Novr 30th
[Endorsed] Capt. A. Bray 30. Novr 1813 — rec^{d} 9th Decr answ'^{d} 10th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM TROWBRIDGE

[4:28]

SHARON Decr 2. 1815*

Sir

Your letter of the 25. Ult^{o} is received —

From the very favourable reports made to me concerning the late squadron of State Cavalry I should be exceedingly desirous of accepting any part of them *as cavalry* in the reorganization of the militia — But this seems difficult if not impossible when it is considered that we have already a Superabundance of cavalry & that the commander in chief is even required to reduce the present eight regiments to five & ultimately to four — Under these circumstances I have enteretained a hope that the late squadron of which your troop composted a part would volunteer as *Horse-artillery* — Unless Such course should be adopted, or unless they offer as Riflemen, I see not that provision can be made for them amongst the Select Corps of militia; for the Light Artillery has now also its complement — — At any rate until your company is received into one of the Corps of militia and they have as yet made no application for that purpose it will not be in my power to issue an order for the choice of officers nor to give directions for future enlistments

I am Sir &^{c}

Mr Wm TROWBRIDGE —

GEORGE BLOOM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:29]

POUGHKEEPSIE Decr 3. 1813

Hon^{d} Sir

You have, I understand, a mortgage of $500 upon the place of Jno Gager, in the Town of Clinton, in this County — My Brother & myself have purchased the farm, & would be

*This letter is out of place chronologically.

glad to know, whether you expect to call for the money next spring, or whether you would be willing to let the money lay on payment of the interest. If you will have the goodness to advise me on this subject, you will confer a favour on

Your Excellency's
most obdt servt
GEO, BLOOM

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon Connecticut

[Endorsed] Geo. Bloom Esqr 3. Decr 1813 — de Jno Gager's Mortg. answ^{d} 15th no occasion for the m^{o} at present —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMBROSE WHITTELSEY, JR.

[4:30]

SHARON 3. Decr 1813

Sir

Your letter of the 25th ultimo did not reach me till this day, owing it is said to an interruption in the eastern mail — I regret that the guard at Saybrook was not detached for a longer period, altho' the order issued in conformity to the wishes of the gentlemen who made the application. If your letter had arrived in due season I should instantly have complied with your request by directing a new detachment. The weather however has now become so severe that I flatter myself the measure is unnecessary. Still if there is *evident danger* of an attack let any proper officer of the militia, according to the provision of the Statute, call out a sufficient force immediately and apprize me of it by express. While on the one hand I would not incur a needless expense, on the other I am heartily inclined to afford you the requisite protection as far as the means are at my disposal —

I concur with you in opinion that one *twelve pounder* at least ought to be placed at Fort Fenwick — According to a resolve of the Assembly I have ordered the iron ordnance at Stonington to be examined & *proved*. If a gun of the above description can be there found, and in a suitable condition, it is my intention to have it transported to Saybrook & mounted

if possible before the spring shall open — We have no other pieces of that calibre I believe in the state — and even those I fear may not be of a quality to correspond with our wishes —

Should it now appear that a guard will not be required at Saybrook for the winter I trust the Q. M. General or his Deputy at New London will have taken proper care of the public property at that post — And in case the necessary attention has not been paid to it I must request you, Sir without loss of time to see that it is done and present your bill to the Q. M. General for payment —

I am Sir with sincere regard your
very obedient ser^{t}

AMBROSE WHITTELSEY J^{r} Esq
Saybrook

WILLIAM A. BARRON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:31]

NEW YORK
6 Decr 1813.

Sir,

The Diving Bell Company, the last Summer, raised from the wreck of an American 20 Gun Ship, sunk near to West Point, New York, some Iron Guns. We have 5, 12 Pounders and 2, 6 Pndr — also 1, 9 Pounder Gun. The 12 Pndrs average more than 25 Cwt — the 9 Pndr proportionally heavy. These Guns are pronounced by Judges to be of the first quality as to metal, shape, &c. The Company will sell them at a cheap price. We are informed that Guns are much wanted in Connecticut at the present Crisis. Should Your Excellency wish them for the service of the state, I would esteem it a favor that reference may be had to me at Head Quarters in this City. We have, also, a quantity of Cannon Balls for sale. —

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully,
Your Excellency's
Most Obedient Servant,
Wm A. BARRON,
A. D. Q. Mr Genl–
in U. S. service

His Excellency
SMITH,
Governor of Connecticut.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Governor of Connecticut Sharon Post paid 12 ½ Forward
[Endorsed] Wm A. Barron Esq. A. D. Q. M. General N. York — 6. Decr 1813 — recd 16th answd Do that the state is supplied with ordnance of the kind mentioned

JOHN MIX TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:32]

HARTFORD December 8th 1813. —

His Excellency Govr Smith,
Sir,

Yours of 12th ulto did not come to hand untill the 27th, at which time I was confined to my bed by sickness, a short but very severe attack of the Cholera morbus; I am now nearly recovered, and came here yesterday to attend the session of our County Court; — where or how this letter could have been so long delayed is to me unaccountable. —

I had no idea of having any more of the Pittsfield arms carried to Colo Buell's shop at Marlborough for proof and repair, than those at New London; — those will make him employment the principal part of the winter unless he hires considerable assistance, — I earnestly hope and expect that when he has completed them, he will be able to satisfy your Excellency and the Legislature that it will be unnecessary to proceed any farther; — I had made arrangements with Colo Buell previous to my letter of the 6th ulto to make all necessary repairs upon the guns he should prove. —

I wrote to Saml B. Sherwood Esqr, about the 6th or 8th of last month requesting him to see if he could get the iron pice at Saugatuck mounted in that vicinity, and what would be the probable expense, and give me information by letter, as soon as convenient; — to this I have received no answer, and have as yet taken no farther measures on that subject; — the

people in general along in that quarter appear to have very little disposition for helping themselves, but can pray fervently to Hercules. —

As to the examination, proof &c of the iron ordnance along the sea coast, my avocations are so many and various, that it will be next to impossible for me to attend to it; — considerable time must necessarily be taken up, and much more expense incurr'd, than what, in my apprehension, the Legislature had contemplated; I must beg your Excellency to appoint some other person for this purpose; — the only real objection I have to it is the want of time.

The proof adopted by the War department for the barrels of their guns, so far as I have understood it, is the eighteenth part of a pound of powder, (one ounce of which will carry a 24 lb shot 80 yards from a proved howit of five and a half inch caliber) with a ball that will fit the caliber, one wad of paper below the ball and another above, for the first discharge; — for the second discharge the one and twentieth part of a pound of powder, ball and wads as for the first; — this information has been given me by Mr Whitney of New Haven, and presume it is correct. — The same proof has also been adopted by Massachusetts, — proof masters appointed under authority of law, sworn to a faithful discharge of their duty, and a heavy penalty inflicted upon any manufacturer of guns who shall sell or dispose of one which has not sustained this proof, under the hand of the proof master, with his stamp on the barrel. —

I find much more dificulty in collecting the bills of expenditures in the quarter master department than had been anticipated; — this I am endeavouring to do as fast as possible to enable me to make a general statement to forward on to the seat of government; — it will be absolutely necessary for me to make another journey to N. London in a few days. —

I am Sir,
with much respect and esteem,
Your Excellency's
very obedient Servant,
JOHN MIX

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH, Sharon. —
Salisbury Ct 11 Dec 8
[Endorsed] From Q. M. Gen[l] 8th Dec[r] 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMAZIAH BRAY

[4:33]

SHARON 10. Dec[r] 1813 —

Sir —

I have received your letter of the 30th ultimo and I cannot but applaud the determined spirit displayed by you and the other citizens of Killingworth who volunteered under your command, in the various transactions to which you refer. You are all entitled not only to thanks but a liberal reward from the General Government for the active & important Services you have rendered in the course of the Season. It is to be regretted that regular muster rolls were not kept of the men thus employed from time to time. For altho' you were not called out by express command, your Services have not been the less valuable, nor can they be otherwise considered than as deserving an equitable compensation from the National authorities —

The Season is now so far advanced I trust you will meet with no farther annoyance during the winter — If a similar state of things should exist the next summer I am clearly of opinion some efficient measures ought to be taken for your protection —

I have directed the Q. M. General to adjust the claim for *match rope* & also to replace the powder you had occasion to borrow —

With much respect for your personal bravery & good conduct I am Sir your very

obedient Ser[t]

Capt. A. BRAY
[Endorsed] To Capt. A. Bray

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:35]

New London December 11, 1813.

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq[r]

Sir,

I sometime ago received from the Adjutant General of this state a number of payrolls & receipt rolls &c. of the troops which had been out on duty on the sea coast at Guilford and that vicinity, in order for them to get their pay. I immediately transmitted them to the Paymaster of this District, since which he has returned them to me & will not take any notice of them.

It also devolves on me to state to your Excellency that the Paymaster of this District has not paid the first detachment of troops under my command, although the money has been sent, and has been in his hands sixty days. His objection is that the troops were not inspected by Col. Kingsbury or some other officer commissioned by the United States. This appears to me a very trifling reason. When the troops first arrived, I called on General Burbeck, and he requested me to have them inspected by one of my Aids De Camp. Col. Kingsbury being absent. When their terms of service had expired, and the muster rolls were made out, I again called on General Burbeck, who again in the absence of Col Kingsbury approved of one of my Aids de camp's mustering them, which is provided for by the laws of the United States, and of their being so mustered and inspected General Burbeck will give the certificate. Yet the Paymaster will not pay them without some further directions from Mr Brent the Paymaster General of the United States at Washington. I have this day written to Mr Brent on this subject.

I give your Excellency this information that you may know the reason of our troops not being paid off which gives great uneasiness in the first detachment. The second has been paid. Application has been made to me by the inhabitants at and near rope ferry, about five miles west of this place, to state to your Excellency that there frequently comes in coasting vessels into the harbour, and that they are sometimes annoyed by the barges of the enemy who come in to destroy them. They

are anxious to defend themselves & such vessels as seek their protection, without any expense to the state: but have no good fire arms. If they can be furnished with twenty five muskets or a field piece, (which would do better) with powder & ball, they will give a good receipt for them, to return them again, except what powder & ball may be expended in their defence; and I think will make a good use of them. I have no authority to furnish them without an order from your Excellency. They will be glad to know whither their request meets your Excellencys approbation. If it does they will expect an order on me to deliver them the arms & ammunition which your Excellency thinks sufficient.

Commodore Decaturs squadron lie abreast of the town where they have been for a week. There has been no new movements of the enemy off our harbour since our ships dropped down. Their force now consists of a seventy four, [a] thirty eight gun frigate, a sloop of war of eighteen guns, and a brig of fourteen. The two hostile squadrons are about six miles apart.

I am,

your Excellency's Most ob^{t}

Hble Ser^{t}

Wm WILLIAMS

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Governour of the State of Connecticut Sharon N. London Co Decr 13 12½

[Endorsed] M. Genl Williams rec^{d} 16th answ^{d} D^{o}

AMBROSE WHITTELSEY, JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:36]

SAY-BROOK 13 Decr 1813 —

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your Excellencys letter of 3^{d} Ins^{t} some days past. The Inhabitants are much gratified to receive the assurance, that your Excellency is disposed to use the means at your command to protect us, and that you intend to direct additional Artillery to be placed on Fort Fenwick

before Spring — at the same time, we think your Excellency is not aware of the danger to which we are exposed, and the necessity for heavier pieces. I am clearly of opinion, that to make effectual resistance, there should be at least two long eighteen pounders and two twelves.

The last guard at Fort Fenwick was discharged on the 1st since which, except three windy & cold days, we have been continually menaced by the Enemy with their armed Vessels and Boats. The Borer Brig and the armed Lugger, were off this harbour at day light this morning, and are now in sight. They have a fair view of thirty sail of large and small vessels in this port, most of them with Cargoes on board, some of which worth $20,000 — among them one Ship, two Brigs, four large Schooners, and many large Sloops, bound Eastward & westward —

These Vessels offer a strong inducement to the Enemy to attack us — We have unquestionable information from a number of Prisoners, who have been landed by the Enemy, off New London, that the officers talk much of visiting this place to obtain the property on shore and afloat — So recently as last Saturday, a Capt Skidmore of New York, a very intelligent, and apparently sturdy and candid Man, was landed here — He states, that the officers enquired of him respecting the situation and strength of this Fort, but he could give them no information, having never been here — He is decidedly of opinion, that an attempt will be made on us, this winter — He heard them speak of coming into the River with the Borer Brig —

Certainly there is no place on Long-Island Sound, so easy of access, and so much exposed as this, and it appears to me, that some efficient means of defence ought early to be provided — the temptation by reason of so many Vessels in port is very great — In cold and windy days, the Enemys Vessels will remain at Anchor, but in moderate weather will be exercising —

Your Excellency will please to observe that their Vessels of War and Boats are habitually near us, and that by day light, from the first appearance of an attack, they may possess them-

selves of the Fort and Town, within one hour, and in the night without the smallest notice — (It is worthy of remark, that Col° Brainerds residence is 20 miles from the Sea Coast —

The Inhabitants think from the recent official communications on the subject of retaliation &c, that the War will be prosecuted with increased rigor, and that our persons and property will be much more exposed — Indeed we feel ourselves to be entirely in the power of the Enemy)

Under these circumstances, we beg leave to apply to your Excellency, for aid and assistance, and at the same time, to enquire whether any steps on our part can be taken to procure the repair of Fort Fenwick, and a sufficient number of enlisted Men to form a regular garrison — if this were practicable, as we think no doubt can exist of its expediency, it would be very desirable)

Maj^r Goddard directed the last commanding officer, to take care of the public property, which except the G[uns] in the Fort, I believe has been done —

I beg leave to remark, that we have [every] reason to apprehend that fresh provisions &c, are frequently carried out of this River to the Enemy — a detection has not been made, yet the transactions and the persons concerned are many of them becoming more known and understood — In behalf of the Inhabitants

I have the honor to be
your Excellencys
most obed serv^t
AMBROSE WHITTELSEY JUN^r

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon SayBrook Decr 13 paid 12 ½

[Endorsed] A. Whittelsey J^r Saybrook 13. Decr 1813 — Rec^d 16th answ^d D°

GENERAL ORDERS APPROVING SENTENCE OF A GENERAL COURT MARTIAL

[4:37]

State of Connecticut ss

General Orders —

Head Quarters 15. Decr 1813 —

The Captain General has examined the record of proceedings before a general court Martial, whereof Lieut. Colonel Abel Hall is president, held at Stamford in the county of Fairfield on the eighth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, in pursuance of orders issued by the Brigadier General of the fourth brigade, for the trial of David Hoyt ensign of the third company in the ninth regiment of infantry, under arrest for disobedience of orders and unofficerlike conduct. From which it appears that the accused, having been duly notified, refused or neglected to attend the said court; and thereupon the court proceeded to Sentence & did Sentence the said Ensign David Hoyt, the arrested officer, to be *cashiered with disability of ever hereafter holding a military commission.*

On full consideration of the premises the Captain General has thought proper to Approve the Sentence, and the same is hereby Approved accordingly —

The Brigadier General of the fourth brigade is directed to cause the sentence aforesaid and the approbation thereof by the Captain General, to be duly published throughout the brigade, and to take the necessary measures to fill the vacancy which has been thereby occasioned.

It is ordered that the General court Martial, whereof Lieut. Colonel Abel Hall is president be and the same is hereby dissolved —

JOHN COTTON SMITH
Captain General

[Endorsed] Copy of Genl Orders — Approving Sentence of a Genl court Martial 4th brigade — The record & order transmitted to the Secretary of the State —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN ARMSTRONG

[4:38]

SHARON, Con, Decr 16th 1813 —

Sir

I feel it my duty to submit to the view of the President the enclosed extract of a letter from Major Genl Williams, by which it appears that payment is withheld not only from the small sections of militia called out to repel the enemy's boats at various points on the coast, but also from the first detachment ordered into Service at New London under a requisition of the War department through General Burbeck — It is only necessary I presume to bring the conduct of the paymaster to the knowledge of the National executive — to insure the removal of all ground of complaint — There can be as little doubt I apprehend of the propriety of paying the first description of force as the last — The men were imbodied in consequence of the predatory incursion of the hostile Squadron at New London — Their services were but branches of the main operations at that port & in my view fall clearly within the authorization which had been previously given by the War department — The troops thus employed at any one time were few in number, — were regularly mustered — resisted firmly & successfully the advance of the enemy & were immediately afterwards disbanded — The whole amount due them is very small — but they have honourably earned it — and it is obviously of some importance that those on whom in the progress of the war much reliance must at times be placed should have no occasion to distrust the justice of the Government —

I also take the liberty of soliciting the attention of the President to the enclosed representation from the inhabitants of the town of Saybrook. Fort Fenwick there mentioned is only a breastwork thrown up on the ruins of an ancient fort of that name at the mouth of Connecticut river mounting two pieces of ordnance a 6 & a four pounder. The position is commanding in itself and highly important to the Security of a portion of the State which cannot be otherwise than greatly exposed during the continuance of the present blockade of the

sound. — I can only add my earnest desire that the request of the inhabitants for a small guard of regular troops may be granted —

With great respect I have the honour
to be Sir your obedient & very humble
Servant —

The Hon. Secretary of war —

[Endorsed] To Sec^y of War 16. Decr 1813 — de payment of the militia & Saybrook

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMBROSE WHITTELSEY, JR.

[4:40]*

SHARON 16th Decr 1813 —

Sir

Your letter of the 13th inst. is received —

As it is manifestly the duty of the General government to station regular troops at the most vulnerable points on our frontier, and as I am clearly of opinion Fort Fenwick especially ought to be garrisoned, I have made a representation to the President of the United States upon that Subject, with what success a few days will probably determine — In the mean time recourse must be had to the militia in case of a threatened attack. By adverting to the law you will observe that militia may be called into service on a sudden emergency without the intervention of the colonel of a regiment — Any commanding officer over of a company is competent to embody the force under his command if necessary, transmitting immediate information of his proceedings to his Superior officer.

I cannot forbear to express my surprize that owners of the vessels you mention will hazard them in a situation so imminently exposed — hazard not only their own property but the property & even lives of the citizens of the town — For it is extremely obvious that no force we could place at Fort Fenwick in its present state would suffice to prevent the

*[4:39] is a copy of [4:38].

approach of the enemy if they were really resolved upon the attempt — The state does not possess the means of protecting its navigation during this unexampled condition of public affairs — Whatever can be done for the defense of our territory will certainly be attempted and I flatter myself that by the opening of the Spring measures will be taken to render your situation tolerably secure —

I am Sir with sincere regard your
very obt servt

AMB. WHITTELSEY JR. Esqr

Saybrook

[Endorsed] To Amb. Whittelsey Jr

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[4:41]

SHARON 17th Decr 1813

Sir

I have received your favour of the 11th instant postmarked the 13th and cannot refrain from expressing my Surprize at the conduct of the U. S Paymaster in refusing payment to the troops — I have lost no time in transmitting a copy of that part of your letter which regards this Subject to the President of the U. S. accompanied with such remarks as the occasion has seemed to me to justify —

I am not authorized to place the arms or ammunition of the state in the hands of men who do not belong to some organized corps — If the military Exempts at & near Rope Ferry will form a volunteer association under the act either as infantry or artillery I will cheerfully supply them in the former case with arms and in the latter with ordnance & the requisite ammunition — I highly commend the Spirit displayed by the inhabitants and earnestly hope they will not neglect the proper means of giving it effect —

I am Sir respectfully your
obedient & humble servt
J. C. S.

Major General W. WILLIAMS —

[Endorsed] To M. Gen1 Williams

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SETH P. STAPLES

[4:42]

SHARON 18. Decr 1813 —

Dear Sir

The General Assembly at the last session passed a resolution directing the commander in chief to take measures for the examination *proof* and preservation of the iron ordnance belonging to the State & described in the report of the Q. M. General. The pieces referred to are principally at Stonington Borough — some few are scattered through the towns on the coast to Fairfield. It falls properly within the province of the Q. M. Genl to carry the resolve into effect, but he writes me the feeble state of his health and a necessary attention to his other public duties will render it difficult if not impossible for him to perform this service. I shall readily excuse him provided you will consent to perform it. From your thorough knowledge of gunnery and the objects connected with it I am extremely desirous that you should undertake the business & I should hope it would not materially interrupt your professional pursuits — The *proof* especially of the large pieces must be made in the course of the winter if the Season will possibly admit of it, as some of them ought to be mounted early in the spring. In case you return me a favourable answer I will immediately direct the Q. M. General to furnish the ammunition & every other requisite, and will order copies of the resolve of Assembly & the report above mentioned to be transmitted to you without delay — An early reply will much oblige

Dr Sir your very obedient Servant —

Col. STAPLES N. Haven

[Endorsed] To Col. S. P. Staples 18. Decr 1813 and his answer

ELISHA BUELL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:43]

MARLBOROUGH Dec. 20th 1813.

His Excellency J. C. Smith Esqr

Sir

I have necessarily been detained from commencing upon the Arms untill this time having had to build a Work Shop to

polish and Clean the Arms which were at New London, from which place I have rec^{d} 341 Stands, and find them in very bad Order, I could not learn the regulations of the War Department in proving Arms without going to Springfield I herewith send you a certificate from the Inspector of Arms at that place by which you will See they have diferent Modes of trying their Arms — The contract Arms have been Inspected by a Stronger Proof than Arms made at Springfield — Benjamin Moor the Inspector at Springfield received his appointment as Inspector of Arms from Doct^{r} Eustis and has Proven Arms in most of the Gun Manufactories in the United States agreeable to the mode pointed out for proving Contract Arms (reference being had to the certificates) The superintendant being Absent Mr Chafery Pay Master at the Gun manufactory Springfield informed me that he did not consider that there was any Settled principle by the United States in proving Arms the mode being left discretionary with the Superintendant you will please to direct in what manner I shall proceed to prove the Arms received from Pittsfield belonging to this State

I am with Sentiments of Esteem
Your most Obedient Serveant
ELISHA BUELL

The following are the certificates received from the Inspector
The Arms are proven first with a charge of Powder Equal in weight to the 18th Part of a Pound avordupois and the Second with a Charge one fifth less or the 22nd part of a Pound weight, in both instances a ball of the calibore of the Piece, is also put in
war department 5th July 1798
The present mode of Proving the muskets at the U. States Armory Springfield is to take the 18th Part of a pound Proof Powder and two Balls the Size of the Calibere of the Barrel proven and fired but Once two good wads are also used in firing the above Charge
Springfield 17th Decr 1813
The following has been adopted by the inspectors for proving Arms made by Contract for the U, States
Viz. about One and a half-fourtenth Pound of proof Powder &

One ball the Size of the Calibore with two wads in this Case, only one Charge has been used,
We certify that the above is most correct information we can give relative to the mode which has been and is now practised for the proving of Musket Barrels

Wm H [F.] WARLCOTT [Wolcott] Suptr Clerk
BENJ MOOR Inspector of Arms

U States Armory

Springfield 17th Decr 1813

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr Sharon Marlborough Decr 20th

[Endorsed] Col. Elisha Buell 20. Decr 1813 — recd 24th Answr Do

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:44]

NORWICH 20th Decr 1813

My dear sir

For a long time I have flattered myself with the idea that I should soon have an opportunity of informing your excellency that the returns had been completed & that I had forwarded a complete sett for your inspection — but after waiting thus long I am now to inform your excellency that in Octor I wrote to each of the brigadiers whose return had not been recd, that I wished them forwarded as early as possible & that they would give me the reasons for the delay, to enable me to present to your excellency their excuses — —

From Genll Thompson I recd a line dated the 9th of November regretting that the returns had not been duly recd & assuring me they should be transmitted immediately — From Genl Hinman I have recd no reply & I have not thought it proper to apply to his successor in office Genl Smith, believing it the duty of Genl H to complete the return — From the other brigades the returns are recd — I regret that the annual return from the Secy of War to Congress 1t Jany next should not in-

clude the returns from this State — Your Excellency will please direct the steps to be taken

I am with much esteem
very respectfully
your humble servant
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency
Governour SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon Via New Haven Chelsea Landing C^t December 20 12½

[Endorsed] Genl E. Huntington 20. Dec^d 1813 rec^r 24. Answ^d D^o military returns &c

SETH P. STAPLES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:45]

NEW HAVEN Decb 24 1813

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire
Governor & Cap. General of the
Militia of Connecticut

Sir,

On my return this evening from Middlesex Court I found your Excellencys letter of the 18th inst.

I shall ever be happy to contribute all in my power to aid in placing this State in a respectable posture of defence; & will therefore undertake the service requested in your letter. If I should fail to perform this service in an acceptable manner I hope it will be remembered that I Distinctly state that my knowledge of the subject is very limited. I can only promise my best exertions —

I remain your Excellencys
Most obd^t & very Hb Servt
SETH P STAPLES

[Superscribed] To His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esq Governor & Cap. Genl of the Militia of Connecticut Sharon Conn^t

[Endorsed] Col. S. P. Staples 24. Dec^r — rec^d 28th

JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:46]

His Excellency Govr Smith

My Dear Sir

I have obtained your letter to me enclosing one for Revd Mr Brockway. I will take charge of it, & if no safe private oppertunity occurs, I shall send it by the Post Rider, who goes from this City to Ellington every week —

I did receive a letter from Your Excellency on the subject of my pay as Aid De Camp — His Honor Mr Goodrich also informed me that you had spoken with him on the same subject. Mr G. tho^t that I might possibly make application to the War Department in some way more for my advantage than the one proposed by Your Excellency. He suggested that perhaps my claim might be presented in connexion with that of Mr Mix, & Mr Ward, without impropriety. And he seemed to think that Your Excellency must be considered as having been in the actual command of the State Forces during all the time they were at New-London; & that the Genl Gov^t would not hesitate to compensate those who composed Your Excellency^s Staff without much regard to *manner & form* —

If I can obtain any thing from the U. States in some such mode as proposed by him I shall not hesitate to accept it, provided it meets your approbation — But if nothing is paid me, I ought not to complain, since so many better men than myself go unrewarded for services vastly more important & arduous than mine —

Mr Ward has sent his papers &c by mail to Washington, & he thinks it not improbable that he shall be obliged to be there once more in person. If this should be case he would be very willing to assist me in any thing within his power —

With the greatest respect

I remain Your Obed^t, Servant
Jos. Trumbull

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Sharon C^t
[Endorsed] Col. Jos. Trumbull — rec^d 24th Decr Answ^d 30th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA BUELL

[4:47]

SHARON 24. Decr 1813 —

Sir —

Your letter of the 20th instant is received —
As there may be some uncertainty in the information you have obtained at Springfield I think it will be safest & best for you to address a letter to one of our representatives in Congress, say Genl Ep. [aphroditus] Champion and desire him to procure for you from the War-department the *strongest* mode of proof there required in *contracts* to furnish arms for the U. States — The *strongest proof* prescribed by that department, I apprehend is that which ought to be applied in executing the resolve of the legislature —

This course may occasion some delay — but I am of opinion that certainty & efficiency are of more consequence in this case than mere despatch —

I am Sir respectfully your
ob^{t} Ser^{t} J. C. S. —

Col. ELISHA BUELL —
[Endorsed] To Col. Buell

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[4:48]

SHARON 24th Decr 1813 —

Dear Sir

The information contained in your letter of the 20th instant has filled me with Surprize & regret. As the Genl Assembly have accepted the resignation of Genl Hinman he seems to be placed beyond the reach of a military tribunal —

The inspection return however from the brigade which he lately commanded should at all events have been presented to you by the brigade inspector — That brigade has been for some time in a deranged condition owing to the maladministration of their brigadier who ought not to have been released until his conduct had been regularly investigated — I know of no method by which he can now be compelled to complete

his returns — I think nevertheless it would be well to address a letter to his Successor — through him at any rate the inspector may be called to account — It is not easy to conceive of an
supineness
apology for the conduct of General Thompson — I must request you therefore to inform him from me that *his return is expected forthwith, accompanied with a Satisfactory reason for the delay* and you will be pleased to acquaint me with the result as early as possible —

I shall be gratified to learn your opinion as to any practicable mode of correcting the delinquency in the 8th brigade —

The officers of Several of the volunteer artillery companies on the coast have signified to me that their Sergeants are ambitious and even importunate to receive *warrants* — How shall they be gratified? — Shall I form the five companies into a battalion giving them a Lt Col. & a major & authorizing the former to issue the warrants? — or will it be compatible for the Captain General to grant the warrants through the Adjutant General? — Please to favour me with your ideas on this subject — If the former mode appears to you expedient — what Staff if any shall be assigned to the battalion? —

You will oblige me by an answer as speedily as your convenience will permit —

I am Dr Sir &c

Gen1 E. Huntington

[Endorsed] Gen1 E. Huntington

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN MIX

[4:49]

Sharon Decr 28. 1813

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 8th instant duly arrived. In consequence of your desire to be excused from executing the resolve of Assembly relative to the "examination proof and preservation" of the iron ordnance, I addressed a letter to Col. S. P. Staples of New Haven requesting him to perform that Service.

By his answer this day received he signifies his readiness to engage. I must accordingly request you to furnish him with ammunition and every other requisite for the undertaking — You will be pleased without delay to communicate with him respecting the time & place or places of delivering the supplies —

I now write to the Secretary directing him to forward to Col. Staples a certified copy of the resolution of the legislature and of your report therein referred to on the Subject of the iron ordnance — From abundant caution it would be well for you also to send him a transcript of the report — I have no copy of it, or I would save you the trouble —

I am Dr Sir respectfully your very
ob^{t} ser^{t}

Col. Mix —

[Endorsed] To Col. J. Mix Q. M. Genl 28. Decr 1813 —

WITH LETTER OF DEC. 28, 1813

[4:50]

Brooklyn	Brooklyn	1. Reg^{t}	8 Vernon	2 Reg^{t}
Pomfret	Pomfret –		5 East Windsor	
Woodstock –	Woodstock		6 East Windsor	
Killingly	Plainfield		7 Ellington	
	(crossed off)			
Marlborough	Killingly		4 Windsor	
Vernon	Marlborough		1 Hartford	
East Windsor	Coventry –		2 Hartford	
East Windsor	Plainfield		3 W. Hartford	
Ellington –	East Haddam			
Coventry	——			

Plainfield				
	Farmington		Litchfield 1 Soc^{y}	
East Haddam				
	Harwinton		D^{o} ———2 D^{o}	
	Canton		Warren —	
	N. Hartford	4th	Bethlem —	3 Reg^{t}
	Norfolk —		Watertown —	
	Torrington		Washington 1 Soc	
	Cornwall		D^{o}———2 D^{o}	
	Sharon		Middlebury —	
	(Ellsworth)		Humphreysville —	

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:51]

New London December 28, 1813.

His Excellency,
John Cotton Smith Esqr
Governour of the State of Connecticut,

Sir,

I received your favour of the 16th (mailed the 18th) in due time. Since which time I have also rec^{d} a letter from Robert Brent Esqr Paymaster of the U. S. army; a copy of which, I subjoin for Your Excellency's perusal, viz

"Army Pay Office
City of Washington
Decr 20 1813.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant.

In a volume containing the "military laws, & rules & regulations for the armies of the United States" approved by the President of the United States on the 1st of May 1813 it is laid down (pages 192 & 193) that "troops of all descriptions shall be mustered once in two months for payment, nor shall any payment be made, but upon muster rolls, signed by an Inspector General, or his Assistant, or in the absence of these,

by some officer of the Army of the United States, specially assigned to this *duty* by the General commanding the district in which the said troops so mustered, shall be found" It is also laid down in pages 239 & 240 of the same book.

1st That "all militia detachments for the service of the United States, must be made under the requisition of some officer of the United States (to be hereafter authorized to make such requisition) or the executive authority of the state, or of the territory from which the detachments shall be drawn"

2nd That "in these requisitions shall be expressed the number of privates, non-commissioned, and commissioned officers required; which shall be in the same proportion to each other as obtain in the regular army. The looser method of requiring regiments or brigades, will be discontinued"

3d That "so soon as one hundred privates, eleven non-commissioned, and five commissioned officers shall have been organized as a company, under any requisition as aforesaid, they will be mustered and inspected by an Inspector General, or his Assistant, or some other officer of the Army of the United States, thereto specially appointed; upon whose rolls and reports they will be entitled to pay, &c"

4th That "it shall be the duty of the Officers so mustering and inspecting militia detachments, to make immediate report thereof to the War Department; and"

5th That "payment will be made through the regimental paymaster; in all cases in which the corps shall be organized as a regiment; and in all cases in which it shall fall short of the number necessary to that organization, by the Paymaster accompanying the army, or division to which it may belong"

You will percieve from these regulations that the militia under your command were not duly mustered, inasmuch as the musters were not made either by an Inspector General, his Assistant, or by an officer of the Army thereto specially appointed, & that the same regulations forbid the payment of any troops, not mustered as therein set forth; You will also observe that the nonpayment of your militia is not justly imputable to this department, for the District Paymaster has long since been furnished with funds and instructions by me,

for that purpose; & had the proper officers in the military district N° 2 done their duty as they ought, the present unpleasant state of things would not now exist, with regard to this militia . . . They would have been paid off long before this.

I cannot myself undertake to dispence with the rules herein before mentioned, so as to cause payments to be made on the muster rolls as they at present stand, but will state the case to the secretary of War, when he arrives here, who may probably authorise payments to be made on them

I am, &c &c.
ROBERT BRENT
P. M. U S. Army"

Maj Gen Wm WILLIAMS
of the Connecticut Militia
New London"

Thus it appears that this unpleasant business is yet not likely to be soon closed; and the fault lies with the officers of the army of the US. in not doing their duty.

I yet hope that the President of the United States will make some new order about it, so that the militia, before long may have their pay

I have the honour to be
Your Excellency's most obt
& Hble Servt
Wm WILLIAMS

[Endorsed] Majr Genl Williams 28. Decr 1813 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO THOMAS DAY

[4:52]

SHARON 28, Decr 1813 —

Dr Sir

The Q. M. General having expressed a desire to be excused from performing the duty required by the resolve of the Genl Assembly passed at the last session respecting the "examination proof and preservation of the iron ordnance referred to

in the report of the Q. M. General", Col. S. P. Staples of New Haven has been requested and has engaged to do that service — You will be pleased therefore Sir to forward as early as possible to Col. Staples a certified copy of the resolution and also of the report therein mentioned — As I am not supplied with a transcript of the latter I shall feel obliged if you will furnish me with one likewise whenever your convenience will permit —

I am Dr Sir respectfully yours

J. C. S —

Mr Secy Day —

[Endorsed] To Secy Day —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOSEPH TRUMBULL

[4:53]

Sharon 29, Decr 1813 —

My Dear Sir —

Your letter without date is received — I thank you for your attention to the request contained in my last —

Any course you may think proper to pursue for the purpose of obtaining a just remuneration for your military services the last season cannot but meet my approbation — His Honour the Lt Governour however has a higher opinion of the liberality of the Genl Government than I entertain — If the War Department will adopt as a rule that whenever any part of the militia of a state are on duty, the Captain General of such state & his staff shall be considered in actual service, for that is the extent to which the principle assumed by his Honour will lead, I shall sincerely rejoice on account of the gentlemen who happen to compose my staff — There will be no great trouble in making the attempt, and success may *possibly* attend it. The Adjutant Genl seems to have acted under a different impression — He made up his account *for the time he accompanied me at N. London and during my tour along the coast*, and received pay & ration as a Lt Colonel, that being the grade assigned to his office by the war department, together with an allowance for his extra services as Adjutant General — the

exact amount of which I do not recollect — But if he is really entitled to pay until 1. Decr the day our guards at Stonington & Saybrook were finally dismissed, it will not be difficult for him to obtain the balance — I do not perceive that on the plan now proposed any certificate will be required of me. You have the evidence of your appointment and the Secretary of war possesses the means of ascertaining the length of time our militia have been in service — Should farther vouchers be requisite I shall most cheerfully give such as it may be in my power to afford — That you may receive, as you richly merit, a generous retribution from the national government is the sincere desire of my dear sir your friend &

ob^{t} Ser^{t}

Col. TRUMBULL

GEORGE W. JEWETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:54]

SAYBROOK 29th Decr 1813.

His Excellency Governor Smith

Sir, I extremely regret the necessity of troubling your Excellency, on the subject of the payment of the Company under my Command, for their services at New London the Summer past; and were it a mere personal affair of my own, I certainly should not. But the daily and repeated, importunities of my Soldiers on the Subject; and the Reflections thrown out against the *faith*, and honor of the State, render any further silence on the Subject in my Judgment improper.

The amusing Idea that the United States would pay — that the money had arived &c has long since ceased to charm. Under various foolish and Shallow pretexts of one description or another, the payment is put off.

I have journed once to New Haven, twice to New London and once to Norwich to obtain some Information on the Subject — but alas, I remain to this moment as Ignorant as the day we were dismissed — The Green Youth — District Paymaster at Norwich told me he could not pay because Our Muster Rolls were not certified by an Officer of the U States Army —

The Paymaster General of the State informed me he had neither Orders or Funds Thus circumstaned the Soldiers, complain and their Complaints are directed against the State Government — to which they always looked for their pay. I am placed directly between the State Government and my Soldiers — the latter require of me the reason why the State does not pay or cause them to be paid — I know of none — And as I have the utmost Confidence in your Excellencys Good Dispositions toward the Corps — and readiness to afford every Assistance in your power. — and that what is well intended will be received with indulgence—therefore I write with freedom & plainess and pray your Excellency to interpose your good Offices to releive me from my present embarrassed Situation

I am with due Consideration
Your Excellency's
Obedient Servant
GEO. W. JEWETT

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Conn — Saybrook Decr 31 10
[Endorsed] Capt. G. W. Jewett — answ^d

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:55]

NORWICH 30 Decr 1813

My dear sir

Last evenings mail furnished me with your excellency's esteemed favour of the 24th of this month — in obedience thereto I have this day written to Genl Thompson & Genl Smith as soon as I hear from them I will communicate their reply —

At present I can point out no mode for correction for the 8th brigade — the object for example being out of reach —

Respecting the organization of the Volunteers on the coast, I see no difficulty in pursuing the mode suggested by your excellency — to form them into a battalion & give them an adjutant — If they should be formed into a battalion, the

Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Command^{t} can grant warrants to the sergeants, which I think the correct mode — — I should doubt the propriety of warrants being given by the Captain General, it being so great a departure from the usual mode —

I am dear sir with respect & esteem
your Exc^{ys} very humble servant
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon Via New Haven Chelsea Landing C^{t} Decem^{r} 31 12½
[Endorsed] Ad^{t} Genl Huntington 30. Decr 1814 — rec^{d} 4th Jan^{y} — answ^{d} 8th Genl order forwarded —

DANIEL STERLING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:56]

BRIDGEPORT Decr 31 1813

Sir

The sloop Amelia Joel Scidmore Master sailed from New Port on the 7 Inst. with a Cargo of Sugar Coffee Iron Beer & oil bound to New York & Four thousand two hundred & sixty five Dollars in Bank bills. At eleven oclock at night of the same day in the Race she was captured by the Borer taken along side the Valiant the Cargo taken out & the vessel given up to the master & Crew, Com^{r} Oliver sent word to Oliver H. Hicks Esqr of New York that he can at any time *Ransom* the Cargo, he being the owner of the Cargo at the time it was captured

At the request of Mr Hicks I now solicit of your excellency permission for a Flag to sail from this Port to the Squadron off New London & return with the Cargo of the Amelia all her Papers are detained on board the Valiant, the Capt^{s} protest I have which can be forwarded to your Excellency if necessary

Application having been made in New York for a Flag was answered "you must apply to the State near where the Capture was made" I am your Excellency's Mo. Ob. Hum^{e} Servant

His Excellency Govr SMITH DAN: STERLING

[on other side of letter]
Sir Capt Daniel Sterling is a respectable Ship Master What ever Statement he may make to you may be relied on — he is a person in Whom your Exlency may place the utmost Confidence

I have the honor to be
your ob^{nt} Ser^{t}
ENOCH FOOTE

I agree to the above statement
JOHN S. CANNON

Since writing my letter on the first Page have concluded to forward your Excellency the Captains Protest

I have the honor to be &c
D. S —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Govr State Connecticut Sharon Paid 20

[Endorsed] Capt. Dan. Sterling requesting a flag of truce — 2. Jany 1814 — rec^{d} 4th — answ^{d} 8th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SETH P. STAPLES

[4:57]

SHARON 31. Decr 1813

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 24th instant was duly received. Your readiness to engage in the service mentioned in my last has afforded me much satisfaction. I have instructed the Q. M. General to furnish you with the necessary Supplies for the undertaking and to confer with you as to the time and place or places of their delivery — The secretary has also been requested to transmit to you without delay a copy of the resolve of Assembly and likewise of the report of the Q. M. General therein referred to —

You will expect no particular instructions from me on a subject with which I have no practical acquaintance — The business should be done acconomically but effectually I will

only observe that the guns which do not bear "examination and proof" are still worthy of "preservation" on account of their *metallic* value — And those which stand proof I apprehend will be sufficiently preserved by elevating them from the ground on logs or stones, the vent turned down and the muzzles somewhat depressed —

Several of the pieces at Stonington it is said are to a considerable degree buried in the earth; It would seem therefore not adviseable for you to visit that place until there shall arrive a moderate turn of weather. Such we have reason to expect in the course of the month of January — with my best wishes for your success

I am Dr Sir respectfully your
ob^t^ & humble ser^t^

N. B. Should you not be supplied with strong iron scrapers or other instruments by which you can direct the guns to be cleaned out & the rust taken off in some measure from the inside? —

Col STAPLES —

[Endorsed] To Col. S. P. Staples 31. Decr 1813 —

[4:58]

Return of the Militia of the State of Connecticut. 1-8 Brigade, numerical statistics for; n.d. Omitted herewith.

JOHN COTTON SMITH, SUMMARY

[4:59]

A Summary view of the circumstances under which the militia of the State of Connecticut were brought into service during the late war — 1813 —

No part of the militia of Connecticut was brought into the field until the American Squadron took refuge in the harbour of New London from the Superiour naval force of the enemy, 1. June 1813. The pay-rolls of the militia called into service for the protection of the National vessels & the coast during that campaign were, it is believed, satisfied by the

General government, excepting Some small detachments Suddenly ordered out to repel incursions by the enemy at various points, and who were discharged immediately after the exigency ceased and before notice could be given to the War department — The pay-rolls of these detachments (small in their amount) were presented by the proper officer to the District Paymaster who informed me personally that he had received orders from Washington to discharge them — but that his funds had then failed — They were afterwards paid by the state and charged to the General Government — If other charges appear in our account for militia services during that year the authority for such charges will be found in the correspondence already forwarded —

During the same year Advances were made by the national government to our Quarter Master General and Commissary General *in part* for expenses incurred in their respective departments — The assumption of all expenses of this nature will be seen in the letter of the Secretary of war under date of July 1813 and the report of Ad. General Huntington referred to by the secretary

1814 —

In the month of April 1814 a division of boats from the blockading Squadron entered the harbour of Pettipauge in Saybrook and burnt & destroyed a great number of our merchant vessels — (see letter to the Sec. of war 14. April 1814) The consternation produced along the coast by this measure rendered it necessary to place guards of militia at several points — (see letter to Sec^{y} of war 28. April 1814) — A Subaltern's command of infantry was posted at *Saybrook* — A Subaltern's command of cavalry at *New Haven* to serve as videttes — and a Subaltern's command of infantry at *Bridgeport* — On the 19th May Inspector General Kingsbury commanding the U. S. troops in this district (see his letter of that date in reply to mine of the 17th) issued orders for the inspection & subsistence of these guards — (See also letter from Sec^{y} of war 9. May 1814)

By referring to the letters of Col. Kingsbury under the several dates of 22. May — 5th, 15th and 23rd June 1814 it will

appear that guards of militia were continued at these points — increased at some of them and new ones established at *Stonington* — and at *Mill River* in Fairfield — They were occasionally augmented in the course of the campaign & a part of them remained until peace was concluded — It may be added that sections of these guards were posted at *Blackrock* near Bridgeport — at *Guilford* near New Haven — at *Killingworth* near Saybrook and at *Mystick* near New London

On the 9th August 1814 the hostile squadron off New London attacked & bombarded the town of Stonington — and on the same day B. General Cushing who had taken command of the U. S. troops within this state requested of Major General Williams (who had my orders to furnish aid whenever necessary) a brigade of militia — The whole of B. General Isham's brigade were therefore immediately ordered into service — On the 10th Genl Cushing also requested of me 1700 men (commanded by Brigadier General Lusk) being a majority of the detachment organized under the President instructions of the 4th July 1814 — which requisition was instantly complied with and the men repaired to New London & its vicinity as early as was practicable — (See Genl Cushing's letters 10th Augt & my order therein &c) — The command of the force thus in service was assigned to Major Genl Augustine Taylor who had been detailed under the President's instructions of the 4th July 1814

From the menacing operations of the enemy on our shores it was thought advisable by the Governour & Council to augment the force at N. Haven and Bridgeport to 600 men — The expediency of the measure was also admitted by General Cushing, see his letter 22nd & 28th August — That force was accordingly ordered into service early in September under Lt Col. Sanford & to strengthen those points and relieve the guards previously stationed —

Some Sections of militia were also called out in the course of the year 1814 on sudden alarms and after repelling the enemy were dismissed, under circumstances similar to those which occurred during the campaign of 1813 —

Subsistence & Supplies for our militia were furnished in part by the United States, the remainder by the State government — The Accounts of the Q. M. General and Commissary General will show to what extent advances were made by the State for those objects — The several Muster rolls & pay rolls will also exhibit the number of men employed & the periods of service — I am not conscious that any militia were on duty who do not come under some one of the exigencies & authorizations above mentioned — Nor do I believe that any considerable expense would have been incurred within this State during the war but for the honourable purpose of saving our National vessels from capture or destruction —
[Endorsed] Summary &c

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:60]

NEW LONDON Jan 3, 1814

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith Esq[r]
Governour of the State of Connecticut
Sir,

I rec[d] this morning, a letter from Robert Brent Esq[r] P. M. U. S. Army in which he informs me he has given orders to Maj[r] Perkins to pay the troops, which were under my command at this place, last summer. Permit me to congratulate your Excellency on the prospect of this business' being accomplished & believe me to be

Your Excellencys
Most ob[t] Ser[t]
W[m] WILLIAMS

P. S. on the other side I send Your Excellency a Copy of M Brents Letter —

"City of Washington
Dec[r] 29 1813.

Sir,

I have taken the earliest opportunity after the arrival of the Sec[y] of War, that was in my power, of conferring with him, on the subject of your letter of the 11th instant, to which

he has made the following observation in writing "Mr Perkins' objections are those of form, over which he had no controul. It was General Burbeck's business to have appointed an officer of the army of the U. States agreeably to rules & regulations. The Militia should however not suffer for his errors. You will therefore direct Mr Perkins to make payment on the rolls presented him"

I shall give Mr Perkins, the district Paymaster, instructions, by the mail that takes this, to pay the militia about which you write — assuring you at the same time that it affords me pleasure in being thus able, although late, to comply with their demands.

I have the honour to be &c
ROBT BRENT
P. M. U. S. Army

Maj Gen. Wm WILLIAMS
of the Militia of
Connecticut

New London"

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Governour of the state of Connecticut Sharon N. London Ct Jan 3 10

[Endorsed] Majr Gen1 Williams 3. Jany 1814 — recd 6th — Pay of militia

AMBROSE WHITTELSEY, JR. AND OTHERS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:61]

SAY-BROOK 4 January 1814

Sir,

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of this place, the Undersigned were appointed a Committee to promote measures of general defence — at which Meeting, your Excellency's letter to Capt Whittelsey, dated 16th ulto was read, and we are authorised to say, it was pleasing to the Inhabitants.

After being assured, that "whatever could be done for the defence of our territory, would be attempted" by your Excellency, we feel a degree of embarrassment in troubling you again, but your Excellency will please to observe that we have lately seen a number of the respectable Hartford and Middletown Merchants, who expressed a strong desire to unite with us in petitioning for suitable fortifications and garrison at this place, and send other defence as may be deemed needful.

We are peculiarly gratified to find that your Excellency realizes our danger and the necessity for a garrison at this "vulnerable point", and have no doubt that every thing will be done that is in your power — still we cannot but feel apprehensive, lest such delay should occur, as will materially endanger us. Spring will very soon come, and the harbour is never ice-bound If your Excellency's late representation to the President of the U. States, has been successful, we shall flatter ourselves that defensive measures may be provided in season — if not or but partially so, we beg leave to enquire of your Excellency, whether any thing can be expected to result from a petition, the Merchants on this River and the Inhabitants of this place united, and supported by your Excellency — or must we wait untill the next session of our Legislature.

We presume that General Burbeck is not empowered to establish a Garrison at any port, not particularly authorised by the War Department

Should the situation of affairs be such, that in your opinion, a petition would be advisable, will your Excellency please to advise to whom it should be addressed —

Under the Embargo Laws and the Presidents instructions, the present practice, is to prohibit the conveyance by water, of any provisions or naval Stores, by which means, the Blockading Squadron may be prevented from receiving those abundant supplies by capture or otherwise, which they have been accustomed to have for some months, and this deprivation, we apprehend will induce the Enemy to land and procure them — Add to this, the continuance of the War, and the unhappy irritations daily occurring, render the frontiers more & more

exposed. We find also, that Coasting [ ] are laying up here for the Winter — and this may be another inducement to the Enemy to visit us early —

Since we have trespassed on your Excellency again, permit us to ask whether one at least, of the Brass pieces attached to Capt Jewett's Company of State Artillery, might not safely be entrusted to Lieut. Walker, who with several non commissioned officers and about 15 privates of that Company belong & reside in this Society. Certainly it might aid in our defence, and defence only is our object. The measure we are authorised to say, would be satisfactory to Capt Jewett —

We have the honor to remain
Your Excellency's
most obed^{t} & hble serv^{t}
AMBROSE WHITTELSEY JUN^{r}
Wm LYNDE
GEORGE PRATT

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Connecticut Say Brook Jany 10 paid 10

[Endorsed] Representation from Saybrook — 4 Jany 1814 — rec^{d} 13th Answ^{d} D^{o}

Documents [4:62] and [4:63] omitted.

LUCIUS SMITH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:64]

LITCHFIELD January 17th 1814

His Excellency John C. Smith Esqr

Dear Sir

I should not intrude myself upon the notice of Your Excellency, If I did not apprehend the subject forbid any longer silence. The conduct of the district paymaster George L Perkins, of Norwich calls loudley for redress, I have concluded to state the facts to your Excellency and request your Excellencys opinion on the subject and the course most proper to pursue, Mr Perkins has had the cash in his hands already 90 Days which was designed for the payment of the several detachments of Troops ordered on duty at New London, Capt

Waugh Curtiss & Buckingham of the first Reg^{t} of State Troops harrassed by the constant importunities of their men, few days since made a journey to Norwich and procured of Perkins the payment for their respective companies, Our Adjutant Mr Bellamy belonged to Capt Buckinghams company, and our Quater Master Mr Tousey belonged to Capt Curtiss company they both requested of Perkins the payment for the services of Bellamy & Tousey and Capt Waugh requested earnestly that he would send by him to me, the amount due to me, neither of which request would he comply with, for his not complying he did not pretend to assign any excuse whatever, he also requested Capt Waugh to notify Capt Hayden and others *not* to call for their pay under three or four weeks. I think your Excellency will agree with me, that it must be very unreasonable to compel each of the Officers to make a journey to Norwich to receive their pay. Indeed Perkins has had our receipts for the money a long time, If your Excellency should think proper, I request your Excellency would write Perkins on this subject, stating that complaints have been made, I also request your Excellencys directions what course to pursue in order to procure the payment of this State for my services as Inspector of the 6th Brigade, my bill is not large, but part of it consists of Cash Paid out for the State & Col^{o} Mix seems to have a wonderfull antipathy to the appearance of Bills of any kind. I have not received a single cent for my services either at New London, or as Inspector of the 6th Brigade, I beg your Excellency will address me a line on this subject,

I am your Excellencys most

Obed^{t} Humble Servt

LUCIUS SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esquire Sharon Conn^{t} Litch C^{t} 19 Jany Paid 8

[Endorsed] Col. Lucius Smith 17. Jany 1814 — rec^{d} 20th — answ^{d} 21st

RALPH I. INGERSOLL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:65]

New Haven 18th Jany — 1814

To his Excellency J. C. Smith Esquire,

Sir

I recd last week from Brigadier Genl Howe of the 2nd Brigade Militia, the appointment of Brigade Major & Inspector of his brigade — in consequence of this promotion, I take the liberty to ask of your Excellency, a discharge from the commission of 2nd Lieut of the 2nd troop of Guards, which I had the honour to receive last fall; the inconvenience & expense of holding both offices at the same time, added to the further circumstance, of my wish to make room, for a number of spirited young officers, in the Horse Guards, who are deserving of promotion in that corps, must plead my apology for thus tendering the resignation of the lieutenancy, so soon after I had been honoured with a commission — Allow me to assure your Excellency that I am your most obedient &

most faithful servant

Ralph I. Ingersoll

[Superscribed] To his Excellency J. C. Smith Esqr Sharon

[Endorsed] Ralph I. Ingersoll resignation as 2. Lieut. 2. Comp. Horse guards — Accepted 20th Jany — Issued Order 22. Jany 1814 —

HEZEKIAH HOWE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH*

New Haven 18 January 1814

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq

sir

Having had occasion to make an appointment of Brigade Major & Inspector of the 2d Brigade, I have thought proper to confer it on Ralph I. Ingersoll Esq, who now holds the office of 2d Lieutenant in the 2d troop of Horse Guards, as it will be inconvenient for him to perform t[he] duties attached to both offices, I take the liberty of requesting your Excellency to grant

*[This letter is on the inside sheet of the one preceeding.]

his request to be discharged from his commission as 2d Lieutenant of said troop of Horse guards

Respectfully I am sir
Your Most Obedt servt
HEZEKIAH HOWE
Brigadier General of the 2 Brigade

ELISHA BUELL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:66]

MARLBOROUGH Jany 20th 1814.

His Ex. J. C. Smith Esquire

sir

Your Letter of the 24th Decr last is Received I have written Gen1 E. Champion and he has not obtained from the war department any correct information respecting the proof of Muskets Barrels The information obtained from the war department I send you herewith, It merely confirms the information I obtained from Springfield.

After I was at Springfield I proceeded to proving the Muskets in the same manner as adopted at that Place, previous to the receipt of your Letter, as there has been considerable time allready elapsed for Proving these Muskets since I received the appointment, and there is a great deal of Labour to be bestowed upon the Muskets which were at New London to put them in good Order —

I have proved Fifty Three muskets Barrels out of that number Ten have burst in Proving and in the Three Boxes which I have opened have found Nine more Barrels unsound with holes in them and so defective that I have condemned them without Proving. I have proved the Barrels with the Eighteenth part of a Pound of Powder with 2 Balls and two Wads after boring and cleaning the inside of the Barrel in order to give them a fair trial as they are much coroded

I have made use of Duponts Powder made at Brandywine being the Same kind and quality as used by Esqr Whitney New Haven and at the U. S. Armory Springfield.

You will please to give such directions as you think Proper, but my opinion is, that the Proof which I have adopted is sufficiently strong but I will persue any move with the greatest accuracy which you shall please to direct.
I am sorry to say, that so far as I have examined I have found the musket Barrels much more defective than I expected

I am Sir, with Sentiments, of the
Highest Esteem Your
Very Humb. Serveant
ELISHA BUELL

NB. I sent a Copy of the directions rec^{d} from Springfield to the Hon E Champion

E. B.

[Superscribed] His Ex, JOHN C. SMITH Esquire Sharon C^{t}
Marlborough Jany 20th 10

[Endorsed] Col. E. Buell 20. Jany 1814 Rec^{d} 27th Answ^{d} 29th

[This letter is on the inside leaf of the one preceding.]

Copy of a Letter Rec^{d} from the Ordn. Department
Washington City 12th Jany 1814.

Sir

Your Letter of the 11th current to the Hon. the Secretary of War has been refered to this department

In the absence of the Com^{y} General I have the Honor to State to you, that as far as this department is concerned therein (the Law Establishing it not requiring its attention to the *Manufacture* of Small Arms) the Inspections of Muskets, Rifles & made on Contract for the U. States is left to the inspecting Officers heretofore appointed and now acting at the different Armories

The information, therefore, obtained by the inspector of Arms, for the State of Connecticut from the Armory at Springfield I presume is Correct and of course to be relied upon

I draw the conclusion, both from the quarter whence it is derived, and from my own Opinion that the mode of Proof

adopted is Correct particularly the One last refered to in in Mr Buells communication

Very respectfully I am Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt
Jno Morton
Senr D. Com^{y} U. S. Ordnance

Hon Genl E. Champion

ENOCH FOOTE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:67]

Bridgeport Jany 23^{d} — 1814

Sir

Thier is about 500 Dollars due the 4th Brigde of Militia payrolls have ben made out and sent to the Adjutant Genl from him to Genl Williams who presented them to the paymaster Genl for this district — Genl Williams in forms me they ware returned to him with answer that the United States will not pay them — the Inspector of the this Brigde recevd the payrolls again he has already paid 2 or 3 Dallos postage and the officers and Soldiers that are Claimants are Calling on me to no whare and when they are to receve their pay I Confess I cannot tel them — prouided your Exelancy haue seen and notised this Claim when the Assembly was in Session at Newhaven the Payrolls ware in the Adjutant Genls hands
the Claimants are — first for the first Detachment from the 4th Brigde for defence of Newlondon which was by your Excelancys order dismist before they arrived at Newlondon — the second is for the 9th Reg^{t} ordered out at Stamford and Greenwitch by order of Col S Dean 3^{d} the 34th Reg^{t} ordered out by Coll Lockwood — your Excelency will recolect the information I gave you of this mater by Express in September Last —

Your Excelancy will recolect that the Militia is Generaly made up out of the Common Class of people as the Poor Creatures are all in the Service of the United States and the Rich Generaly get Clear of both — we have no other means of defence on the Sea board but the Militia who have genl^{y} Little to Loos

them Selves and if they are not paid when Called out wheather wanted or not, they will Surely fail us when they are wanted — and if the war Continues another Summer we shall undoutedly want some protection or other I have taken the Liberty thus to inform your Exelency the nature of the Claim of this Brigde and desire you to give me your opinion on the this subject — I have no dout but your Exelency will agree with me that those Claims orto be paid by some way or other — if So the question will be what is the most proper and ready way to obtain it

I have the Honour to be [wi]th
high Consideration you[r]
Sr[t]

ENOCH FOOTE

his Exelency J - C - SMITH Esq[r]

[Superscribed] His Exelency JOHN C SMITH Esq[r] Sharon Jan 29 10

[Endorsed] Brig[d] Gen[l] Foote 23. Jan[y] 1814 rec[d] 1. Feb[y] de pay of militia

NATHANIEL TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:68]

HARTFORD Jan[y] 24th 1814

His Excellency Gov[r] Smith

Sir Upon the appointment of Gen[l] Huntington to the command of the State Corps, he issued an order to the Commanders of the Regiments of Infantry, & of the Squadron of Horse & Battalion of Artillery, to make monthly returns to him of their respective Corps, that he might be able to make monthly returns of the whole, to the Commander in cheif — Soon after my appointment to the command of the Corps, I issued a similar order, altho I had rec[d] no order from your Excellency, to that effect, acting upon the presumption, that it would be agreable to your Excellency to know from time to time the State of the Corps; but as yet I have not been able to compleat a return, owing to my not having rec[d] returns, from all the Commanders of Corps — Col[o] Shepherd in his communications to me, mentions that there is great difficulty

in getting monthly returns from the Commanders of Companies in his Regiment, by reason of his local situation, & the negligince (to say no more of it) of the Post Offices, & suggests the expediency of Making quarter yearly, insted of monthly returns, thereby releiving the Captains from a great expence, (for in future they will be obliged to send their returns by special Messengers) — To this plan I do not see any objection, but I have not tho't it proper to vary my order, without knowing the pleasure, of the Commander in chief —

I have rec^{d} a Letter from Cap^{n} Pettibone of the Artillery, in which he complains, that the Quarter Master Genl has not furnish'd him, with cannon for the use of his Company, altho frequently applied to for that purpose, and from the answers made to his applications, Cap^{n} Pettibone is induced to beleive, that he is not to receive any — he states, that his Company is composed, entirely of Men of Property & respectable charracter, Who are warmly attach'd to the state & its institutions, & who if they had Artillery, would exert themselves to the utmost, to become acquainted with their duty, but at present they consider themselves neglected, & deprived of the advantages for having their proper exercise in arms, which are insured to them, by the Statute, under which the Corps was raised — he fears, that they will lose their ambition, & become disaffected — Under these circumstances I have tho't it to be my duty, to submit the matter to your Excell^{y}, & to suggest whether this Company cannot be supplied with one field piece, to be taken from some Company of Militia which has two, & is not liable from its location, to be called into service upon a sudden alarm — I am with the highest respect

Your Excellencys mo. obed^{t} servant

NATH^{l} TERRY

[Superscribed] His Excell^{y} Govr SMITH

[Endorsed] Genl N. Terry 24. Jany 1814 rec^{d} 27th answ^{d} 29th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO NATHANIEL TERRY

[4:69]

SHARON 27th Jany 1814 —

Dear Sir —

I have received your favour of the 24th instant —

Monthly returns were directed at the first organization of the Military corps from a desire to learn the progress of the recruiting service — but I concur with you in opinion that they may now be dispensed with — and that quarteryearly returns will answer every valuable purpose — Such therefore if you please be the regulation in future —

I gave the Q. M. General orders in July last to furnish Capt. Pettibone with one of the brass field pieces attached to the artillery company in this town; and the gun was removed with that view. But as Capt. P. about the same time marched with his company to N. London where suitable ordnance was prepared for him, I think it probable the piece intended for him, was delivered to one of the volunteer artillery companies on the coast, or took the place of one assigned to that Service —

I am aware of the reasonableness and importance of complying with the request of Capt. P. — and I entertain a hope that scanty as our means are some arrangements may be made for his accommodation — A letter is now addressed to the Q. M. General upon the subject — I am Dr sir respectfully

Genl TERRY &c

[Endorsed] To B. Genl Terry —

PETITION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT

[4:70]

To his Excellency John C. Smith Esqr Governour of the State of Connecticut

May it please your Excellency

We the Citizens of the Borough of Bridgeport and its vicinity beg leave respectfully to suggest, that we in common with a large majority of the Citizens of New England most

sincerely believe that the war now waged against Great Brittain by the United States is on the part of the latter altogether unjust, immoral and impolitic —

That it is unjust to all civilized nations, being a violent attempt to subvert principles of Public Law by them recognized from the earliest period of their history, and founded in reason and the nature of civil society; and a like attempt to impede the operations of most of them against the common enemy of their peace, happiness and independence, by divesting a part of the force of the British Nation from cooperating in the grand object of restoring tranquility to the christian world —

That it is unjust towards Great Brittain, being an attempt to deprive her of the exercise of legitimate rights founded on the immutable principles of justice, sanctioned by the usage of ages and necessary to her national independence: and still more unjust as waged against the unoffending and defenceless inhabitants of her provinces; and still more so by threatening to inflict death on her innocent subjects, prisoners of war in the United States, if she proceeds to punish such as have treasonably united with her enemies in devastating those provinces.

That it is, in relation to the United States, unjust, impolitic and immoral; being ostensibly an attempt to establish principles, which if once recognized as public law, would deprive our nation of the natural means of its defence, — our Merchants of the profits of neutrality in European wars, — and our native seamen of their bread: and prove a war of extermination in which no quarter would be given but to make the prisoner a public sacrifice; a practice known only to savages and barbarians —

That it is peculiarly unjust to the inhabitants of our frontiers both maritime and inland by exposing them to plunder, conflagration and slaughter for similar treatment by the United States inflicted on the unhappy Canadians.

That it is unjust to thousands of ignorant poor, who have been deluded into the armies of the United States, whose blood

and sufferings now call for punishment on their guilty deluders.

That it is unjust to the present and to future generations of our Citizens by entailing upon them a debt, wholly beyond their means of payment; the interest of which alone will strip the labouring classes of the hard-earned fruits of their industry: and all this for objects which if ever attained will of themselves be grievances too intollerable to be borne.

Hitherto we have considered the war as really founded upon the ostensible grounds taken by our Administration, and pursued for the objects by them professed; but we are compelled to declare our conviction that those are not the true grounds and objects of the war. And that the real object thereof, after that of supporting the party in power which declared it, is to destroy the wealth population and influence of the Northern and commercial States, drive their inhabitants from the sea-board and scatter them in the forests of the west and the south. And eventually to annihilate the liberties of the Nation. —

To these ends the constitutional barriers of those liberties are overleaped at pleasure, and with equal facility are prostrated when it is deemed necessary to accelerate the progress of absolute power!

It is unquestionably true that a "deadly love to France" because there no voice for liberty is raised, and a no less "deadly hatred to England", because that is the natal soil of civil liberty have both concurred in the production of this war; yet their influence is but secondary to the lust of absolute dominion. They however serve to explain the reasons for persecuting the Northern and commercial States, where the fire of liberty has ever glowed with a genial warmth, unknown in the azotic atmosphere of the slave-holding southern States. Commerce is the nurse of civil liberty; without it, civil liberty every where languishes and dies. — — It is said by the immortal Montesquieu "That other Nations have made the interests of Commerce yield to those of politics; the English on the contrary have always made their political interests give way to those of Commerce: They know better than any other

people upon earth, how to value at the same time those three great advantages Religion, Commerce and Liberty. — In Republics, *Commerce* is founded in economy. Their Merchants have an eye to all the nations of the earth and bring from one what is wanted by another — This kind of traffic has a natural relation to a Republican government. The grand enterprizes of merchants are always necessarily connected with the affairs of the public. But in Monarchies these public affairs give as much distrust to the Merchants as in free States they appear to give safety. Great enterprises therefore in commerce are not for monarchical but for republican Governments."

These are incontrovertible maxims, and hence we discover the origin of the whole system of commercial restriction from its commencement under Mr Jefferson to the present Embargo Law, now in fatal operation. All designed for the same object, the destruction of Commerce and with it the liberties of the Nation and the establishment of despotism.

The resolutions for subjecting private citizens to martial law and the Governour of Vermont to criminal prosecution before a Court of the United States for the due exercise of his official authority brought in and suffered to be on the table of the House of Representatives unite in confirming our opinion that the real object of the war is as above stated.

We would further suggest to your Excellency that this war is, in our opinion, designed by the administration to be interminable, but with the accomplishment of the objects above stated. Thier repeated refusals of equitable and honorable terms of accommodation when proffered by Great Brittain, from the rejection of the Treaty negociated by Messrs Monroe and Pinkey until the prospect of the downfall of Buonaparte became almost certain — The style and language used by the President in his communications to Congress on all matters relating to Great Brittain — his various statements in regard to our foreign relations and the circumstances attending the progress of the war, contradicted by indisputable evidence. And the responses to those communications and statements by obsequious majorities in both Houses of Congress. — The

repeated intimations of leading members of both those majorities, that peace is not to be expected from the present negociation. — And as if to insult the nation for its credulity already abused beyond all endurance the appointment of Messrs Clay and Russel as negociators on the part of the United States, all concur in establishing our belief that no peace is intended by our administration until the above stated, true objects of the war shall have been accomplished. Were any further evidence requisite to confirm such belief it might readily be derived from the measures agitated in Congress for filling the ranks of the Army, and a total refusal to consider a resolve offered for the suspension of offensive hostilities beyond the limits of our own territories, pending the negociation, thereby leaving the two nations in a condition rarely if ever known in civilized warfare.

We would furthermore suggest to your Excellency that it is a principle universally recognized by all writers on the laws of Nations, that the Sovereign waging unjust war is in a moral view responsible not only for the misfortunes drawn on his own subjects, but guilty of all those he carries amidst an innocent people. The slaughter of men, the pillage of Cities, the devastation of provinces are his crimes. He is responsible to God and accountable to man for every person that is killed. The violences, the crimes, the various disorders attendant on the licentious tumult of arms pollute his conscience and blacken his account as he is the original author of them all. Nor is the moral guilt less when the sovereignty resides in the people than when held by a single person. — In a popular government each member of the community is personally accountable for his share of the sovereignty and his voluntary acts in support of such war, and equally so for omitting exertions to hinder its progress. —

If such is the situation of a single person sharing the sovereignty with the whole mass of citizens in the community the principle urges itself still more forcibly upon a soverign State and a member of a confederation of States. If the existing war is unjust and the State of Connecticut omits to exert all her sovereign and constitutional powers to obstruct its progress.

the blood of those slain therein will cry to heaven from the ground for vengeance against her. —

We feel no hesitation in declaring to your Excellency that we most sincerely believe that the rights and privileges of this State are now so openly invaded, that nothing short of a firmness the most determined on the part of our Legislature can ward off impending ruin — And that now more than ever it is the duty of the State to exert all its energies to restore and preserve inviolate the rights and privileges of its citizens descended from their ancestors and guarranteed to them by the constitutions under which they live. —

It becomes us also further to suggest, as a reason why we have thus come forward without waiting a lead from some more populous place, that our situation on the sea-board more than any other in the State exposed to attack, must justly create in us an anxiety lest the barbarities practiced upon the unhappy Canadians under the authority of the United States should be retaliated upon us. — That we have hitherto remained unmolested in our persons, families and dwellings is to be attributed to the humanity and magnanimity of the enemy rather than to any means of defence or protection from the general Government. Indeed that Government through the medium of its officers exercising their own discretion, under a pretence of executing the existing embargo Law are inflicting upon us the evils of war more vindictively than any thing we have experienced from our *British* Enemies. —

Whereupon, we the said Citizens of the Borough of Bridgeport and its vicinity, respectfully request your Excellency without delay to convene the General Assembly of this State to take into consideration the present unfortunate condition of the people of this State and Nation and in concert with such other States as may be willing to act in unison with this, to devise and carry into execution such constitutional measures as may afford relief from the evils we now suffer and prevent those we have reason to fear.

RICHARD HYDE Clerk JOSEPH BACKUS Warden

At a meeting of the Warden, Burgesses and Freemen of the Borough of Bridgeport legally warned and holden on the

28th Day of January 1814 for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of adopting such measures as might be thought expedient in relation to the condition of said Borough resulting from the existing War.

Whereas a number of Gentlemen residing without the limits of the Borough but feeling an interest in the business of this meeting, being convened as spectators thereof and expressing a wish to act in the same, on motion, Voted that they may act with us agreably to their desire. —

The annexed address to his Excellency the Governour having been previously prepared was called up and read. On motion, Voted that said address be signed by the Warden and Clerk, and be transmitted to his Excellency the Governour of this State without delay

A true copy of Record Attest RICHARD HYDE Clerk

[Endorsed] Petition of the Borough of Bridgeport to convene the Genl Assembly —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA BUELL

[4:71]

SHARON 29. Jany 1814 —

Sir —

Your letter of the 20th instant is received —

The mode of proof you have adopted is undoubtedly correct, & meets my entire approbation — I entertain no doubt of your fidelity & skill in accomplishing the views of the legislature, and have only to express my Sincere regret so large a proportion of the arms Submitted to your examination should be found defective —

I will thank you to inform me occasionally of the progress of the work & to believe me repectfully

Sir your obedient servt

Col. BUELL —

[Endorsed] To Col. E. Buell

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN MIX

[4:72]

SHARON 29. Jany 1814

Dear Sir —

I am informed by B. Genl Terry that Capt. Pettibone of the artillery in the state corps is extremely pressing that his company should be supplied with at least one brass field piece — It was intended you will recollect that one of the pieces in this town should be attached to that company for the present, and it was removed with that view. Its ultimate destination I do not now remember. I think however it was either delivered to a volunteer company on the coast, or took the place of one assigned to that service — — Capt. Pettibone supposes, and no doubt very justly, that as his company have conformed to the requirements of the law, the State is bound to supply them with ordnance. Our *park of artillery* is indeed small and the demand for it very urgent from other quarters, but if you can make an arrangement to accommodate that excellent company without leaving the others wholly destitute & without taking any from the coast I am desirous it should be attempted.

We have made so many alterations in the disposition of the field pieces since the statement furnished me last spring that I am not able to determine the location of the whole of them at the present time —

Are any measures yet taken to mount the gun at Sagatuck? —

I am Dr Sir very sincerely
your ob^{t} & humble ser^{t}

Col. MIX

[Endorsed] To Col. Mix — de ordnance for Capt. Pettibone's company — 29. Jany 1814 —

ELIPHALET TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:73]

HARTFORD January 31 1814

Sir

Since I had the honour of applying to your Excellency for a dismission from the office of Lieutenant in the first Company of Foot Guards, my Situation is so changed as necessitates

me to this Second application. — Isaac D. Bull has been chosen to the command of the Company — a man who formerly held the rank of Captn Lieut. and was my seniour officer, but having been unconditionally discharged by your Excell^{y}, was not an officer in the Comp^{y} at the time of his appointment, and could not then command me, I therefore consider myself situated exactly as if superseded.

I Pray your Excellency to accept my resignation, and grant that I may be discharged from any further duty, as I can no longer be serviceable in the station I now fill, and the honour of a Soldier forbids that I Should do duty under the Officer who now commands me, viewing as I do the circumstances attending his appointment.

I have the honor to be
Your Excell$^{y's}$ most obed^{t}
Hum^{l} Servt —
ELIPHALET TERRY

To His Excell^{y}
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Governour

[Superscribed] His Ex. JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire Governour
Sharon

[Endorsed] Lieut. E. Terry's resignation 1. Comp. Govr F. Guards Accepted 5th Feby 1814 Order issued dated 7. Feby 1814 —

GEORGE L. PERKINS TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[4:74]

Dis^{t} Pay office
NORWICH Febr^{y} 4 1814

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Note of this days date, requesting information relating to the payment of certain Detachments of Militia on service at Killingsworth, Guilford, N Haven &c — also as to payment, of the Chaplain, late on service at New London, and Militia & State,

Troops at same place, discharged 16th of Sept last, — that part of your note relating to the payment of the Field & staff, particularly Lt Coln L Smith, of the State troops is noted — as payment has some time since been made to the above named Troops, with the exception of some of the Detachments of Militia on the coast, I shall at this time content myself with giving you (for the information of His Excellency) a general statement with Copies of Letters received from and addresstd to the Pay Master Genl also to Lut Coln Shepard & Howe. & Majrs Whittlesey, who served in the above refered to Detachments of State Troops & Militia at New London, also Letters to and from Luts Coln Sterling & Sanford, & Majrs Ellsworth & Morrison, discharged from service at same place the first of Novr last, & Mr Levi Huntingtons Deposition relative to a conversation which took place between myself & Capt Waugh, at this office on the evening of the 6th of Jany last, as I have had frequent interviews with you on the subject of these payments and have (presuming on your indulgence and considering you as the proper officer in your capacity as Adjt Genl of the state of Connecticut) exhibited certain orders (or Letters *of Permission*) to your inspection — I must rely on your statement to His Excellency for the present, sincerely wishing that all erroneous & unfavourable impressions which His Excellency may have received of my conduct in this business (Maliciously & Wickedly sett afloat to my injury) may speedily be removed, and shall hereafter take the liberty to trouble you with a more full and particular statement accompanied with Letters, Depositions &c — &c

In reply to your request "to know whether the small detachments of Militia which have been called out at Killingsworth, N Haven &c have been paid" I have only to observe, that I addressed a Letter to his Excellency at N Haven the 18th of Oct last informing I had received funds for the purpose of paying off the Troops, discharged the 16th of Sept and daily expected to receive funds for payment of the Troops then on service (last Detachment) and observed "I am not aware of any impropriety in my paying the several Detachments, ordered on service, at Saybrook, N Haven &C — for protection

of the Coast, provided they are *properly Mustered*, if unfortunately any objection should arise, your Excellency shall be informed, it will afford me particular pleasure at all times to comply with your Excellency's wishes". No objections arising to payment of the Detachments to which I refered, I did not, address His Excellency again, but have paid upon Muster Rolls presented to me, a Detachment at Stonington and Two at Saybrook, and a Detachment of Cavalry, I have never possessed Muster Rolls of any other Detachments, except those contained (which scarcely deserve the name of Rolls) in a Letter which you or Genl Williams forwarded to me, and the same were immediately returned to Genl Williams with information that it was not in my power to make payment on documents of that description, and at same time advised that they should be put into a proper form, to enable me to pay what I believed to be justly due — To that part of your note requesting information as to the payment of Militia & State Troops discharged the 16th of Sep^{t} I reply, that having addressed Mr Brent a number of times on the subject, on the 3rd of Jany I received a Letter from him dated the 29th of Decr 1813, giving a Copy of Genl Armstrongs Note on the back of my Letter which was refered to him, extract of which you will find in a Certified Copy of my Letter to Maj^{r} Whittlesey dated the 8th of Jan^{y} — immediately on receipt of the above refered to Letter from Mr Brent, I went to New London for the purpose of calling on Genl Williams to inform him that I had received instructions for the payment of the Troops — and at same time expressed to him my regret, that it was not in my power to pay him and the Chaplains — and requested if he thought proper, that he would address the Secretary of War on the subject, (as I have a number of times before requested him on the subject of the Militia) which he informed me he would do immediately, I will here remark that, the first authority which I received for paying off the Militia was contained in Mr Brents Letter, of the 29th of Decr as you will perceive by extracts in my Letter to Maj^{r} Whittlesey of the 8th of Jan^{y} (N° 4) refered to above, also by Copy of my Letter (which accompanies this) to Mr Brent of the 3rd of Jan^{y} (N° 5)

acknowledging receipt of the same as was observed before, I immediately waited on Genl Williams and returned to Norwich from New London on the 5th of Jany to compleat some business which pressed hard upon my department, and intended to repair to Hartford as soon as information could be given to the Captains (of the State Troops and Militia) through their commanding officers, to meet them at that place, and pay the amount due to their respective Companies, for which purpose I address'd a Letter to Maj^{r} Whittlesey on the 8th of Jany and at same time to Lu^{t} Col^{n} Howe & Shepard, (N° 6) certified copies of each will accompany this, on the Evening of the 6th of Jan^{y}, Cap^{ts} Waugh Curtis & Buckingham, called at this office with a Letter from Maj^{r} Whittlesey dated Middletown 5 Jan^{y}, Copy of which is enclosed, notwithstanding I was much engaged; immediately on their leaving the office I commenced upon their papers, that no unnecessary delay should attend thier payment, I continued employed untill a very late hour and rose and compleated them before breakfast, the next morning, and immediately after left the Office for the purpose of calling on the Gentlemen to pay them off, which was accomplished, and they left Town before noon, informing me they intended to Dine at Colchester, besides this I had a number of interruptions from United States Officers, also paid Capt Buell, having the day after the receipt of Mr Brents Letter, written to him requesting he would call on Friday (7th Jan^{y}) before noon and receive the amount due his company, which with his usual punctuality he complied with, and met the Gentlemen above named in front of this office on their way out of Town, they had called by my request to receive the Receipt Rolls of the Field & Staff (State Troops) for the purpose of taking them to Litchfield & procure the signature of Q^{t} M. Sergeant Norman Prindle, all which will appear by Mr Levi Huntingtons Deposition (N° 7) and Certified Copy of my Letter to Capt Buell (N° 8) enclosed, from this time (7th of Jan^{y}) to the 12th of Jany I was employed in preparing the papers and making arrangements with the Bank, to possess myself of suitable Bills to enable the commanding officers of Companies to pay each man with Convenience, and dispatch,

— on the 13th of Jany I went to Hartford, I remained at that place untill Monday evening the 17th and from thence I proceeded to New Haven where I stopped one day; urgent business made it necessary for me to proceed to New York, for which place I left New Haven on Wednesday morning 19th and returned through New Haven Friday 21st on my way home to this place, where I arrived on Saturday evening the 22nd much fatigued, on Monday the 24th conformable to former intentions (having expressed the same to Capt Waugh and requested him to notify Lut Coln L Smith, accompanied with my respects to the same Gentleman) I commenced upon the papers of the Field & Staff of the State Troops & Militia, and made an abstract of Pay & emoluments due to each grade of Officers on those Rolls — this compleated, I renewed my correspondence and addressed a Letter to each one by Mail, annexing a particular statement of their Pay &C. and forwarded amot due, as appears by my Letter Book (submitted to your inspection this day) from Copies of Letters written and numbered from 124 [to] 172 dated from the last mentioned date (24th of Jany to the 27th of the same month, making 48 Letters, this number includes answers to 20 odd Letters which had arrived in my absence — It was not my intention to have troubled you with so lengthy a communication at this time, but I have been thus particular to make it appear that I have not been inattentive to the Claims of the Officers — or slept upon my Oars, indeed I believe I may say with great truth, that not a moment of unnecessary delay has taken place on my part, in paying the Officers and men their respective dues — I have laboured early and late contrary to the wishes of my Friends on account of my health to accomplish this object, in several instances to gratify the Gentlemen I have advanced the money due (in my private capacity) taking their conditional receipt, obliging themselves to remunerate me in case I did not eventually receive instructions to pay them, a like advance was offered to & accepted by the Revd Mr Austin (one of the Chaplains discharged the 16th Sept last) for his accommodation, knowing he had advanced Money while in service, The papers of the Two refered to Detachments were all incorrect, a new sett of

each description has been made out by me, and distributed for the purpose of procuring the necessary signatures — I was not under the least obligation to leave home for the accommodation of the Gentlemen, but to save them trouble and expence, I went to Hartford, I made out their papers, and used every means in my power that they and their Men should receive the Pay due to them, — and have my reward — misrepresentation, abuse &c — you will excuse my leaving the subject of your inquiry — I proceed, and reply to that part of your Letter requesting information as to the payment of the Chaplains — Mr Brent in his Letter of the 29th of Decr says "if the number of Militia amounts to a Division, or Two Brigades, you can with propriety pay the staff of a Division or Two Brigades, otherwise not — this will include the Chaplains" You will readily perceive (already possessing knowledge of the number of Troops in service at that time, and those discharged the first of Nov^{r}) that I was not at liberty to pay the acc^{t} of the commanding officer, his Aids de Camp & the Chaplains — On my return from New Haven the 22nd of Jan^{y} (Saturday). I found a Letter from Mr Brent dated 14th same month (the day appointed for paying off at Hartford) which I answered on the 24th, (N° 9) they have been submitted to your perusal; togather with Copy of a Letter addressed to Lu^{t} Col^{s} Sanford and Sterling, copies (N° 11) of each accompanies this — I wrote to the above named Gentlemen, presuming it would be gratifying to learn that a Letter of *permission* had been received by me for paying off the Chaplains, and requested Col^{n} Sterling to give information to the Revd Mr Coles, that he advise me, as to manner and place to make remittance of the amount due him, I Called on the Revd Mr Austin to request he would grant the necessary signatures to cover am^{t} of his Pay, some time since advanced, for his accommodation — also called at the House of the Rev^{d} M^{r} McEwen at New London for same purpose and learnt he was absent from home, on Maj^{r} Genl Williams & Aid de Camp, with a request they would make out their acc^{ts} and present them for payment — I hope and trust from the above statement of facts, which can be fully proved by Copies of Letters written and received &

Depositions that His Excellency will do me the justice to believe every exertion has been made on my part to effect the object wished by all,

The Letter received from Lu^{t} Col^{s} Sanford and Sterling & Maj^{rs} Morrison & Ellsworth (N.13 o 16) and referred to in the first part of this Letter, Copies of Each accompanying this communication, are submitted for His Excellencys perusal, to shew in what light those Gentlemen viewed my Conduct in paying off the Detachments under their Command discharged the first of Nov last, at that time funds had not arrived for the payment of said Troops, after a number of propositions received and made, I finally made one to the above named Gentlemen, which they approved, and accepted, and gave me their joint note, payable on demand, at the Norwich Bank (offering to pay Interest which I declined, provided I did not have to pay any) — I believe you will recollect this transaction, as application was made to you as President of that Institution, suffise to say the indulgence asked was granted, the Money procured, and the Troops all paid off, except the Two Chaplains — the difficulty in paying their accounts was at the time made known, not only to them but to the commanding officers — Five days and part of four nights I was constantly engaged in making out the papers of those Detachments, scarcely allowing myself time to eat — Two nights I got no sleep, but continued writing through the night, the day on which the business was compleated I was so much indisposed, that it became necessary for me to go to Bed, notwithstanding the very serious inconvenience, which I suffered, and the great exposure of my health, I felt amply compensated, in the satisfaction expressed by the Officers & men in receiving the amount due them, it would be a particular gratification to me, and I presume at this time to request through you that His Excellency will communicate with those Gentlemen respecting their Pay, that of the Troops, and the withholding the same from the Chaplains — Trusting in your goodness to excuse my troubling you with so lengthy a communication

I remain with sentiments of Respect
and Esteem, Your Most Ob^{t} Hum^{l} Ser^{t}

GEO L. PERKINS
D P M U S. Army

Maj^{r} Genl EBEN^{r} HUNTINGTON
Adj^{t} Genl State of Connecticut
Chelsea

P. S —

Having submitted to your persual Letters rec^{d} from and addressed to the Army Pay office I consider it unnecessary, and improper at this time to give copies of the same (except extracts of my Letters to the P Master Genl dated 3 & 24 Jany attached to this, communication —) for reasons verbally assigned

G. L. P.

N° 1

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NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

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LEVI HUNTINGTON

New London County ss NORWICH February

Ninth AD 1814 Personally appeared Mr Levi Huntington signer of the above deposition & made solemn oath that the facts therein Stated are true

before me

JOSEPH WILLIAMS

Justice of Peace

N° 8

Dis^{t} Pay office
NORWICH 4 January 1814

Sir

Yours of 4th Ins^{t} came to hand this day, I have the pleasure to inform you that yesterday I received instructions to pay off the Militia and State Troops, discharged on 16th Sep^{t} last, if you will call at this office on Friday before noon with your receipt Rolls signed I will pay to you the amount due to your Company

Yours &c
GEO L PERKINS
D P M

Capt ENOS H BUELL
State Troops —

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NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 9

Dis^{t} Pay office
NORWICH 24. January 1814

Sir

On my return from Hartford yesterday, to which place I repaired immediately, on receipt of your Letter of 29th Ult^{o} for the purpose of meeting the Officers of the Militia, correcting their papers and paying them off, I had the honor to receive your Letters of 14th 15th & 19th Ins^{t} with their enclosures, the first expressing your pleasure that Genl Williams & Staff including the Chaplains should be paid, which shall be immediately complied with

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NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 10

Dis^{t} Pay office
NORWICH 25 January 1814

Sir

Enclosed I forward amounts of Pay & emoluments due to you for service at New London Sep^{t} last, say one Hundred sixty one & 66/100 Dollars —

Yours GEO L PERKINS
D P M

Maj^{r} LUCIUS SMITH
State Troops
Litchfield

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LEVI HUNTINGTON
NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 11

Dis^{t} Pay office
NORWICH 29 January 1814

Sir

Enclosed I forward seven certificates, one for each officer entitled to Forage, which I neglected to have signed at the time of Discharge, they are necessary vouchers — not knowing the place of residence of each officer, I am under the necessity of sending them to you, requesting you will have the goodness

to distribute them directing the Gentlemen to return them immediately to me by mail, as my accounts must soon be closed, I have the pleasure to inform of receipt of Instructions last week for paying the Chaplains on service at New London Novr last, will you please request Revd Mr Cowles to advise me as to remitting amount due him

Yours Geo L Perkins
D P M

Col^{n} Elisha Sterling
Militia
Col^{n} Elihu Sanford
State Troops — Copy & enclosures sent to each

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Levi Huntington

Norwich Feby 4, 1814

N° 12

Dis^{t} Pay office
Norwich November 12, 1813

Sir

I hasten to do myself the pleasure to inform you, [that] the day before yesterday, I received a Treasury Draft from Mr Brent Paymaster Genl for $48,600. including the amount paid to the Detachment which you served in, I endorsed the Note paid as p agreement, and now enclose your signature with a part of the Note attached to it, and shall also inclose to the other Gentlemen their proportion with signatures, be pleas'd to advise me of the receipt of this and forward the Instrument which you hold

Yours Respectfully
Geo L Perkins
D P M

Col^{n} Elihu Sterling
" Elihu Sanford
&
Maj^{rs} Martin Ellsworth
&
Robert Morrison

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LEVI HUNTINGTON

NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 13

WINDSOR November 23. 1813

Sir

Your Letter of the 12th Ins^{t} enclosing my signature was duly received by mail, you will be pleased to accept my sincere thanks for the uncommon spirit of accommodation which you manifested towards the officers in the State Corps, and particularly towards those of the last Detachment

With sentiments &c

Signed MARTIN ELLSWORTH

Maj^{r} GEO L PERKINS
Dis^{t} Paymaster

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LEVI HUNTINGTON

NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 14

SALISBURY November 30th 1813

Sir

I rec^{d} yours bearing date the 12th Nov Ins^{t} informing me that the funds for the Payment of the last Detachment of Militia had been placed in your hands by Government, & that you had applied the same so far as was necessary to the payment of the Note given by myself and others, for the security of the Money you advanced,

This was highly pleasing and you will please to accept of my thanks for your particular friendship in the business — this event will always be remembered with gratitude by the Troops — I also received a portional part of the Note, above

mentioned enclosed with my name on the same, agreeable to your request I also enclosed your contract which you will please to accept, & destroy the contract you hold signed by the obligers of the Note, or take the same course with it as you did with the Note — I regret that you have it not in your power as yet to pay the Chaplains — flatter myself you will before long, whenever you do, please to inform me

I am with sentiments &c

signed ELISHA STERLING

Maj^r GEO L PERKINS —

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NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 15

NEW HAVEN December 7th 1813

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 12th November enclosing a part of my note including the signature, am happy to learn the punctuality that has taken place on the part of the United States, although I never anticipated any trouble, yet there must be anxiety of mind togather with responsibility attached, but as this is at an end, I have in behalf of myself and the Detach^t late under my Command to return you theirs and my most Cordial thanks for your accommodations —

Signed ELIHU SANFORD

GEO L PERKINS Esqr

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LEVI HUNTINGTON

NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 16

ENFIELD December 13, 1813 —

Sir

... I rec^d yours of the 12th of Novr enclosing my signature and scrap of the note which we executed to you at New Lon-

don, with information that you had received Money from the United States sufficient to pay the other Detachment, without any use of the Note, and I hope without any inconvenience to you, receive Sir my thanks for the unwearied pains you took in paying off our Detachment and my best wishes for your future happiness

Maj^{r} Geo L Perkins Sign'd Robert Morrison
D P M —

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Norwich Feby 4th, 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Sharon Mail Chelsea Landing C^{t} February 11 3¼^{sh} paid 1,62 ½ Dis P Office Geo L Perkins

[Endorsed] Major Geo. L. Perkins Paymaster U. S. 2 Dis^{t} Communication to the Adju^{t} Genl

CHARLES SHERMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:75]

New Haven 4 Feby 1814

His Excellency Govr Smith
Sir

On the 10th of June last I was commanded by Brig: Genl James Merriman to detatch from my Batt: a Serg^{t} & eight men for a guard to accompany two pieces of Artillery from this place to Killingworth. The expenses of this guard (including their Horses) amounted to $38—85/100; which sum I paid from my own pocket: but having called upon Co^{l} Mix for the am^{t}, he declines reimbursing me. —

Besides the above service & exp^{s}, I ordered out my Batt: on duty on the 11th 12th & 13th June, by the command of Genl Merriman. —

The object of this letter is to enquire of your Excellency where I am to look for the pay^{t} of the above expense & service —

Respectfully Yrs
CHA^{s} SHERMAN

[Superscribed] His Exc^{y} JOHN C. SMITH Esquire Sharon Mail p^{d} 10
[Endorsed] Major Ch. Sherman 4. Feby 1814 rec^{d} 8th answ^{d} D^{o}

CHARLES MOSELEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:76]

HARTFORD Feby 4th 1814

His Exelency
John Cotton Smith Esqr
Sir

I am informed that that [sic] a Corps of men is about to be raised for the defence of this State. I beg leave to inform your Exelency that if I should be deemed worthy an appointment therein, your Exelency may be assured of my best exertions in the performance of my duty.

Your Exelency's
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[Superscribed] To His Exelency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire Hartford
[Endorsed] Charles Moseley Hartford - Commission -

MESSAGE FROM MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT

[4:77]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In Senate, February 5th 1814

The Committee of both Houses, to whom was referred the Message of His Excellency the Governor of this Commonwealth, transmitting a letter from the Governor of Tennessee, enclosing a resolution of the General Assembly of that State, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United

States, so as to reduce the term of service of Senators in Congress, from six to that of four years, from the time they enter upon the duties of their appointment, Report, That it is inexpedient that the same should be adopted. Read and accepted.

sent down for concurrence,

JOHN PHILLIPS, President.

In the House of Representatives February 5th 1814

Read and concurred

TIMOTHY BIGELOW, Speaker.

Secretary's Office

A true Copy:

Attest ALDEN BRADFORD

Secy of Commonth

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[4:78]

Sir

Your letter under date of the 23rd postmarked 29th ultimo is received.

I have been unwearied in my endeavours to obtain payment of the muster-rolls you mention and of others in similar circumstances. There is a favourable prospect that at no very distant day orders will be forwarded from the Genl Governnemt for their adjustment. If not there can be no doubt the legislature of the State will make provision on the subject at their next Session —

I am Sir respectfully

your obt & hum sert

5. Feby 1814

Genl ENOCH FOOTE —

[Endorsed] Answer

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHARLES SHERMAN

[4-79]

SHARON 8. Feby 1814

Sir

Your demand for expenses incurred in accompanying the field pieces to Killingworth should be presented to the Q. M.

each description has been made out by me, and distributed for the purpose of procuring the necessary signatures — I was not under the least obligation to leave home for the accommodation of the Gentlemen, but to save them trouble and expence, I went to Hartford, I made out their papers, and used every means in my power that they and their Men should receive the Pay due to them, — and have my reward — misrepresentation, abuse &c — you will excuse my leaving the subject of your inquiry — I proceed, and reply to that part of your Letter requesting information as to the payment of the Chaplains — Mr Brent in his Letter of the 29th of Decr says "if the number of Militia amounts to a Division, or Two Brigades, you can with propriety pay the staff of a Division or Two Brigades, otherwise not — this will include the Chaplains" You will readily perceive (already possessing knowledge of the number of Troops in service at that time, and those discharged the first of Nov^{r}) that I was not at liberty to pay the acc^{t} of the commanding officer, his Aids de Camp & the Chaplains — On my return from New Haven the 22nd of Jan^{y} (Saturday). I found a Letter from Mr Brent dated 14th same month (the day appointed for paying off at Hartford) which I answered on the 24th, (N° 9) they have been submitted to your perusal; togather with Copy of a Letter addressed to Lu^{t} Col^{s} Sanford and Sterling, copies (N° 11) of each accompanies this — I wrote to the above named Gentlemen, presuming it would be gratifying to learn that a Letter of *permission* had been received by me for paying off the Chaplains, and requested Col^{n} Sterling to give information to the Revd Mr Coles, that he advise me, as to manner and place to make remittance of the amount due him, I Called on the Revd Mr Austin to request he would grant the necessary signatures to cover am^{t} of his Pay, some time since advanced, for his accommodation — also called at the House of the Rev^{d} M^{r} McEwen at New London for same purpose and learnt he was absent from home, on Maj^{r} Genl Williams & Aid de Camp, with a request they would make out their acc^{ts} and present them for payment — I hope and trust from the above statement of facts, which can be fully proved by Copies of Letters written and received &

Depositions that His Excellency will do me the justice to believe every exertion has been made on my part to effect the object wished by all,

The Letter received from Lu^{t} Col^{s} Sanford and Sterling & Maj^{rs} Morrison & Ellsworth (N.13 o 16) and referred to in the first part of this Letter, Copies of Each accompanying this communication, are submitted for His Excellencys perusal, to shew in what light those Gentlemen viewed my Conduct in paying off the Detachments under their Command discharged the first of Nov last, at that time funds had not arrived for the payment of said Troops, after a number of propositions received and made, I finally made one to the above named Gentlemen, which they approved, and accepted, and gave me their joint note, payable on demand, at the Norwich Bank (offering to pay Interest which I declined, provided I did not have to pay any) — I believe you will recollect this transaction, as application was made to you as President of that Institution, suffise to say the indulgence asked was granted, the Money procured, and the Troops all paid off, except the Two Chaplains — the difficulty in paying their accounts was at the time made known, not only to them but to the commanding officers — Five days and part of four nights I was constantly engaged in making out the papers of those Detachments, scarcely allowing myself time to eat — Two nights I got no sleep, but continued writing through the night, the day on which the business was compleated I was so much indisposed, that it became necessary for me to go to Bed, notwithstanding the very serious inconvenience, which I suffered, and the great exposure of my health, I felt amply compensated, in the satisfaction expressed by the Officers & men in receiving the amount due them, it would be a particular gratification to me, and I presume at this time to request through you that His Excellency will communicate with those Gentlemen respecting their Pay, that of the Troops, and the withholding the same from the Chaplains — Trusting in your goodness to excuse my troubling you with so lengthy a communication

I remain with sentiments of Respect
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GEO L. PERKINS
D P M U S. Army

Maj^{r} Genl EBEN^{r} HUNTINGTON
Adj^{t} Genl State of Connecticut
Chelsea

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the Paymaster observed that he would attend to them as early on the morrow as possible, having then considerable to

attend to, soon after the Gentlemen left the office the Paymaster took up their papers to get them ready as soon as possible — I left the office after Ten oClock P M at which time he was engaged about them — I went to the office (about 9 oClock [)] next morning the 7th when I found he had compleated them, and directly after left the office to wait on the Gentlemen at their lodgings, to pay them off, and return'd to the office before noon, with the papers compleated — The Paymaster observed to the Gentlemen that he should go to Hartford on Friday 14th for the purpose of paying off all the Troops both State & Militia — Capt Waugh observed that Colo Smith requested the Pay due him might be forwarded by him (Capt Waugh) —

The Paymaster requested Capt Waugh to present his respects to Colo Smith and inform him he would remit him the amount due, as soon as he had paid off the Men, and could have an opportunity to arrange the Accounts of Field & Staff, which should be attended to as soon as he returned from Hartford, and at same time handed Capt Waugh the receipt Rolls of Field & Staff (State Troops) requesting him to take them to Litchfield and procure the Signature of Quarter Master Sergt Norman Prindle, and forward them back immediately by mail, by which time he would have compleated the payment at Hartford

LEVI HUNTINGTON

New London County ss NORWICH February

Ninth AD 1814 Personally appeared Mr Levi Huntington signer of the above deposition & made solemn oath that the facts therein Stated are true

before me

JOSEPH WILLIAMS

Justice of Peace

No 8

Dis^{t} Pay office
NORWICH 4 January 1814

Sir

Yours of 4th Ins^{t} came to hand this day, I have the pleasure to inform you that yesterday I received instructions to pay off the Militia and State Troops, discharged on 16th Sep^{t} last, if you will call at this office on Friday before noon with your receipt Rolls signed I will pay to you the amount due to your Company

Yours &c
GEO L PERKINS
D P M

Capt ENOS H BUELL
State Troops —

The above is a correct Copy of the original Letter transcribed by me in Letter Book kept at Dis Pay office

LEVI HUNTINGTON
NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

No 9

Dis^{t} Pay office
NORWICH 24. January 1814

Sir

On my return from Hartford yesterday, to which place I repaired immediately, on receipt of your Letter of 29th Ult^{o} for the purpose of meeting the Officers of the Militia, correcting their papers and paying them off, I had the honor to receive your Letters of 14th 15th & 19th Ins^{t} with their enclosures, the first expressing your pleasure that Genl Williams & Staff including the Chaplains should be paid, which shall be immediately complied with

Yours
GEO L PERKINS
D P M

ROBERT BRENT Esqr
Paymaster U S Army
Washington

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LEVI HUNTINGTON

NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 10

Dis^{t} Pay office
NORWICH 25 January 1814

Sir

Enclosed I forward amounts of Pay & emoluments due to you for service at New London Sep^{t} last, say one Hundred sixty one & 66/100 Dollars —

Yours GEO L PERKINS
D P M

Maj^{r} LUCIUS SMITH
State Troops
Litchfield

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LEVI HUNTINGTON

NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 11

Dis^{t} Pay office
NORWICH 29 January 1814

Sir

Enclosed I forward seven certificates, one for each officer entitled to Forage, which I neglected to have signed at the time of Discharge, they are necessary vouchers — not knowing the place of residence of each officer, I am under the necessity of sending them to you, requesting you will have the goodness

to distribute them directing the Gentlemen to return them immediately to me by mail, as my accounts must soon be closed, I have the pleasure to inform of receipt of Instructions last week for paying the Chaplains on service at New London Novr last, will you please request Revd Mr Cowles to advise me as to remitting amount due him

Yours Geo L Perkins
D P M

Col^{n} Elisha Sterling
Militia
Col^{n} Elihu Sanford
State Troops — Copy & enclosures sent to each

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Levi Huntington

Norwich Feby 4, 1814

N° 12

Dis^{t} Pay office
Norwich November 12, 1813

Sir

I hasten to do myself the pleasure to inform you, [that] the day before yesterday, I received a Treasury Draft from Mr Brent Paymaster Genl for $48,600. including the amount paid to the Detachment which you served in, I endorsed the Note paid as p agreement, and now enclose your signature with a part of the Note attached to it, and shall also inclose to the other Gentlemen their proportion with signatures, be pleas'd to advise me of the receipt of this and forward the Instrument which you hold

Yours Respectfully
Geo L Perkins
D P M

Col^{n} Elihu Sterling
" Elihu Sanford
&
Maj^{rs} Martin Ellsworth
&
Robert Morrison

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LEVI HUNTINGTON

NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 13

WINDSOR November 23. 1813

Sir

Your Letter of the 12th Ins^{t} enclosing my signature was duly received by mail, you will be pleased to accept my sincere thanks for the uncommon spirit of accommodation which you manifested towards the officers in the State Corps, and particularly towards those of the last Detachment

With sentiments &c

Signed MARTIN ELLSWORTH

Maj^{r} GEO L PERKINS
Dis^{t} Paymaster

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LEVI HUNTINGTON

NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 14

SALISBURY November 30th 1813

Sir

I rec^{d} yours bearing date the 12th Nov Ins^{t} informing me that the funds for the Payment of the last Detachment of Militia had been placed in your hands by Government, & that you had applied the same so far as was necessary to the payment of the Note given by myself and others, for the security of the Money you advanced,

This was highly pleasing and you will please to accept of my thanks for your particular friendship in the business — this event will always be remembered with gratitude by the Troops — I also received a portional part of the Note, above

mentioned enclosed with my name on the same, agreeable to your request I also enclosed your contract which you will please to accept, & destroy the contract you hold signed by the obligers of the Note, or take the same course with it as you did with the Note — I regret that you have it not in your power as yet to pay the Chaplains — flatter myself you will before long, whenever you do, please to inform me

I am with sentiments &c

signed ELISHA STERLING

Maj^{r} GEO L PERKINS —

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LEVI HUNTINGTON

NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 15

NEW HAVEN December 7th 1813

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 12th November enclosing a part of my note including the signature, am happy to learn the punctuality that has taken place on the part of the United States, although I never anticipated any trouble, yet there must be anxiety of mind togather with responsibility attached, but as this is at an end, I have in behalf of myself and the Detach^{t} late under my Command to return you theirs and my most Cordial thanks for your accommodations —

Signed ELIHU SANFORD

GEO L PERKINS Esqr

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LEVI HUNTINGTON

NORWICH Feby 4, 1814

N° 16

ENFIELD December 13, 1813 —

Sir

I rec^{d} yours of the 12th of Novr enclosing my signature and scrap of the note which we executed to you at New Lon-

don, with information that you had received Money from the United States sufficient to pay the other Detachment, without any use of the Note, and I hope without any inconvenience to you, receive Sir my thanks for the unwearied pains you took in paying off our Detachment and my best wishes for your future happiness

Maj^{r} Geo L Perkins Sign'd Robert Morrison
D P M —

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Levi Huntington

Norwich Feby 4th, 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Sharon Mail Chelsea Landing C^{t} February 11 3¼^{sh} paid 1,62 ½ Dis P Office Geo L Perkins

[Endorsed] Major Geo. L. Perkins Paymaster U. S. 2 Dis^{t} Communication to the Adju^{t} Genl

CHARLES SHERMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:75]

New Haven 4 Feby 1814

His Excellency Govr Smith
Sir

On the 10th of June last I was commanded by Brig: Genl James Merriman to detatch from my Batt: a Serg^{t} & eight men for a guard to accompany two pieces of Artillery from this place to Killingworth. The expenses of this guard (including
85
their Horses) amounted to $38—
100; which sum I paid from my own pocket: but having called upon Co^{l} Mix for the am^{t}, he declines reimbursing me. —

Besides the above service & exp^{s}, I ordered out my Batt: on duty on the 11th 12th & 13th June, by the command of Genl Merriman. —

The object of this letter is to enquire of your Excellency where I am to look for the pay^{t} of the above expense & service —

Respectfully Yrs
CHA^{s} SHERMAN

[Superscribed] His Exc^{y} JOHN C. SMITH Esquire Sharon Mail p^{d} 10
[Endorsed] Major Ch. Sherman 4. Feby 1814 rec^{d} 8th answ^{d} D^{o}

CHARLES MOSELEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:76]

HARTFORD Feby 4th 1814

His Exelency
John Cotton Smith Esqr
Sir

I am informed that that [sic] a Corps of men is about to be raised for the defence of this State. I beg leave to inform your Exelency that if I should be deemed worthy an appointment therein, your Exelency may be assured of my best exertions in the performance of my duty.

Your Exelency's
Most Obd^{t} humb^{l} Ser^{t}
CHARLES MOSELEY

[Superscribed] To His Exelency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire Hartford
[Endorsed] Charles Moseley Hartford - Commission -

MESSAGE FROM MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT

[4:77]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
In Senate, February 5th 1814

The Committee of both Houses, to whom was referred the Message of His Excellency the Governor of this Commonwealth, transmitting a letter from the Governor of Tennessee, enclosing a resolution of the General Assembly of that State, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United

States, so as to reduce the term of service of Senators in Congress, from six to that of four years, from the time they enter upon the duties of their appointment, Report, That it is inexpedient that the same should be adopted. Read and accepted.

sent down for concurrence,

JOHN PHILLIPS, President.

In the House of Representatives February 5th 1814

Read and concurred

TIMOTHY BIGELOW, Speaker.

Secretary's Office

A true Copy:

Attest ALDEN BRADFORD

Secy of Commonth

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[4:78]

Sir

Your letter under date of the 23rd postmarked 29th ultimo is received.

I have been unwearied in my endeavours to obtain payment of the muster-rolls you mention and of others in similar circumstances. There is a favourable prospect that at no very distant day orders will be forwarded from the Genl Governnemt for their adjustment. If not there can be no doubt the legislature of the State will make provision on the subject at their next Session —

I am Sir respectfully

your obt & hum sert

5. Feby 1814

Genl ENOCH FOOTE —

[Endorsed] Answer

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHARLES SHERMAN

[4-79]

SHARON 8. Feby 1814

Sir

Your demand for expenses incurred in accompanying the field pieces to Killingworth should be presented to the Q. M.

General and included in his account with the Gen[l] government. He probably declines advancing you the money from an apprehension that the claim may not be allowed at the War-department — in which event your remedy must be by an application to the Gen[l] Assembly — indeed it would have been well for you to have taken this course at their last Session.

I understand the U. S. paymaster for this district does not consider himself authorized to pay the small sections of militia who were ordered out by their immediate officers at various points on the coast the last season but suppose the accounts for these services must be referred either to congress or the national Executive — To the latter I have already made a communication upon this Subject & shall probably learn the result within no distant period — It is very certain the men are entitled to compensation, and the State will doubtless make provision for them in case there should be either a refusal or an unreasonable delay on the part of the Gen[l] Government — I trust you have a correct muster-roll for the period your battalion was in service & and pay-roll duly made out — They should regularly have been returned to the Adjutant General — If this has not been done you may now retain them until it is ascertained in what manner the claim is to be adjusted —

I am Sir respectfully your
Ob[t] ser[t]

Major Charles Sherman —

[Endorsed] To Major Sherman —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOSEPH BACKUS

[4-80]

Sharon 12. February 1814

Sir

The communication from the citizens of the Borough of Bridgeport, requesting me to convene the General Assembly is received, and has been considered with all the attention its great importance demands. To give the proposed measure its proper effect you are sensible Sir it is requisite the public

sentiment in favour of it should in some form be generally expressed — more especially in our commercial towns. No other section of the State has as yet presented a similar application. Should the example of your respectable corporation be followed to a considerable extent, I shall not hesitate to comply with the request —

I am Sir with much respect
Your Obedient & humble Servant

Jos. Backus Esqr
Warden of the Borough of
Bridgeport

[Endorsed] To the Warden of the Borough of Bridgeport —

[4:81]

Inspection Return of the Cavalry of Connecticut 1813. 1-8 Regiments, numerical statistics for; 19th Febru^{y} 1814. Omitted herewith.

[4:82]

Inspection Return of the Infantry of Connecticut, 1813. 1-8 Brigades, numerical statistics for; 19 February 1814. Omitted herewith.

[4:83]

Return of the Militia of the State of Connecticut. 1813. 1-8 Brigades, numerical statistics for; 19 Feby 1814. Omitted herewith.

[4:84]

A Return of the Matross Companies of the State of Connecticut. 1813. 1-8 Brigades, numerical statistics for; Feby 19 1814. Omitted herewith.

RESOLVE BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[4:85]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second thursday of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

Resolved by this Assembly that there may be contributions in the several religious societies and congregations in this

State on the first Sabbath in May annually (and if that day on account of any disadvantageous circumstances should be inconvenient the contribution may be on any other sabbath in that month,) for the term of three years and the Ministers or Clerks of such Societies or Congregations shall receive and pay over such contributions to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of Connecticut; and the monies so paid over shall be appropriated by the Trustees of said Missionary Society to the annual expenditures of said Society, and not to their permanent fund, for the support of such missionaries as they shall from time to time employ, in preaching the Gospel in those settlements in the northern and western parts of the United States where the ordinances of the Gospel are not established, and shall annually exhibit to the General Assembly and the Missionary society an account of the receipts and expenditures of such contributions. And His Excellency the Governour is requested, annually to issue his proclamation accordingly.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY, Secretary

[Endorsed] Resolve of Assembly de missionary Soc^y Proclamation issued 18th March 1813 — Proclamation issued 24. Feby 1814 —

PROCLAMATION CONCERNING MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

[4:86]

By His Honour
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire
Lieutenant Governour and commander in chief
in and over the State of Connecticut

A Proclamation —

Whereas the General Assembly of this State at their Session begun and held at Hartford on the Second thursday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven passed a resolution in the words following-towit-

Now therefore I do issue this my proclamation giving notice that on the first, or if evidently more convenient on any Subsequent Lord's day in the month of May next, contributions for the purpose expressed in the foregoing resolution may be received in the Several religious societies and congregations in this state; and that an opportunity will thus be afforded to the pious and charitable to aid the laudable exertions of the Missionary Society and accomplish the benevolent intentions of the General Assembly —

(on back)

Draught of proclamation for 1814 —

Now therefore in obedience to the foregoing resolution I do hereby proclaim that on the first, or if more convenient on any Subsequent Lord's day in the month of May next, contributions may be received in the Several religious Societies and congregations in this State for the object above mentioned, and that all such as are disposed to aid the benevolent exertions of the missionary Society will then be furnished with a Suitable opportunity for that purpose —
[Endorsed] Proclamation — Copy.

GEORGE L. PERKINS TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[4:87]

Dis^{t} Pay Office
NORWICH 24th Feby 1814

Sir

Last Evening I had the honor to receive a Letter from His Excellency Govr Smith of the 18th Ins^{t} and Sharon Post Mark of 19th, acknowledging receipt of the communication of the 4th Ins^{t} made to you, from this office, with the documents accompanying it,

by request of His Excellency, I communicate with you at this time on the Subject of the small Detachments of Militia arrayed at different points on the coast the last season, His Excellency is pleased to say, that in his view the opinion of the

Secretary of War fairly includes the Muster Rolls of the above refered to detachments as well as those of the Troops that Served at New London, I was at first inclined to the same opinion; but on examining my communications to the Pay Masters Department, I found that by accident, no mention had been made of these detachments, therefore I considered the opinion of the Secretary of War confined to the Troops that served at N London, I made another communication to the Pay Master Gen[l] respectfully urging speedy permission to discharge their claims, meantime having learnt, that Gen[l] Williams had frequently expressed his opinion I was authorized to pay *all claims*, indeed; asserted I had received *positive* orders so to do, I requested he would furnish me with Copies of his Letters to the Departments at Washington and answers received from the same, wishing if possible to seize upon a favourable expression if contained in those Letters, that would warrant my paying, the General has thought proper not to furnish me with copies, therefore I cannot form an opinion of the contents of the Letters said to have been received by him, I should not have made this request to Gen[l] Williams had I supposed there would have been the least hesitation in furnishing me with the necessary documents to form an opinion — I informed him I had written, and requested he would also write on the subject of the Militia payments, I have always submitted for his inspection the Letters which I have receiv[d] on that subject, and therefore presumed to request a peep into his, for he certainly could not expect me to act upon authority said to have been sent to him, which I was not possessed of — on receipt of His Excellency's opinion, which I presume was formed togather with M[r] Armstrong's Note, by communications from the War Department; direct, or through Gen[l] Williams, I no longer hesitate to comply with His Excelency's wishes on the Subject not doubting his Excellency will take proper measures to remunerate me hereafter, provided I should not secure orders to cover the payment of said Troops, in case M[r] Armstrong's Note, should not by the Paymaster Gen[r] be considered as sufficient authority — I have therefore to request you will please communicate with the proper

officers, that the Muster Rolls of each detachment may be properly made out, evidencing the services of the officers and men, that each may recive full justice —
the average distance of Travel provided there should be any due, must be expressed under head of remarks, say "..... miles average distance from residence to rendezvous and ..... miles &c from discharge to residence — Three Muster Rolls will be required, signed by each of the commissioned officers of the company or detachment, also by Gen[l] or Field officers (as the case may be) by whose orders they were called into service, on receipt of said Rolls I will immediately attend to their payment

Respectfully I have the honor
to remain your Humble Servant
GEO L PERKINS
D Pm U S. Army

Maj[r] Gen[l] EBENEZER HUNTINGTON
Adjutant Gen[l]
State of Conn[t]
Chelsea

[Superscribed] Maj Gen[l] EBEN[r] HUNTINGTON Adj[t] Gn[l] &c
State of Conn[t] Chelsea

[Endorsed] Major Perkins letter to Adj[t] Gen[l] 24. Feb[y] 1814

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:88]

NORWICH 25th Feb[y] 1814

My dear sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the favour of your excellency under date of the 18th, which came to hand the even[g] of the 23[d] ——— Yesterday I called at the office of the District Pay Master but did not see him, but presume I shall see him this day & obtain the desired information ———

On the 18th I rec[d] from the 6th brigade the returns which have been so long due, & this day have forwarded a sett to Litchfield by J. H. Huntington, Esq[r] & have requested him to send them by some private conveyance to your Excellency ——

I have requested M^{r} H to put this letter into the P Office, should no private opportunity afford an earlier conveyance —

I am my dear sir
with much respect & esteem,
yours very sincerely
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

P S A Copy of the returns ware forwarded to the War Department on monday of this week
His Excellency Governour SMITH

Please turn over

Believing when I wrote the foregoing, that it would not be necessary to communicate to your excellency any thing further as it respected payment to the troops, I was closing my letter when I rec^{d} the inclosed from Major Perkins which he handed me himself, & has promised at my request to furnish me with printed forms which I shall forward to the officers to be filled up & returned to the Pay Office —— I flatter myself that your excellency will have no further trouble on the subject

I am &c E. HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon-March Litch^{d} C^{t} 8

[Endorsed] Adj^{t} Genl Huntington 25. Feb^{y} - enclosing letter of the U. S. paymaster agreeing to pay the small squads of militia. —

CHARLES B. KING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:89]

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire, Captain General, and Commander in Chief, in and over the State of Connecticut

Sir

I have been honored by your Excellency with a Captains commission in the Military Corps formed for the defence of this State, which I received with pleasure, and now resign with regret ——

Under existing embarrassments, I humbly conceive that my

continuance in commission, will not further promote the Success of the Corps, or the interests of the State

With the greatest respect I have the honor
to be Your Excellencys Most Humb^{l} Servt
Ch^{s} B. King
Capt 9th Co. 1^{t} Reg St Troops

Hartford Feby 25th 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith Esq

[Endorsed] Resignation of Capt. Ch. B. King not accepted by advice of the council —

GARRIT SMITH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:90]

Watertown March 2nd 1814

To the Governor

May it please your Excellency

Remembering that you honoured me at New Haven last Fall with permission to write you the situation of some affairs in the Eighth Brigade I take the liberty to state that it has been the practiee of Officers commanding the Troop of Horse raised within the limits of the Twenty sixth Regiment to recruit the company under thier command at pleasure from the ranks of said Regiment without legal Authority and without paying attention to the Law relative to the strength of the Horse & Foot and that this assumption of power in the Captain of the Horse has been submitted to by the Officers of the Infantry — and that the Captains of the Horse have been in the practice of permitting some of the men under thier command to neglect performance of duty & of accepting others who are subjects of duty in the Foot to supply thier places by buying the equipments of those who were permitted to *stand by* as thier term is ——— these proceedings gave uneasiness to the Regiment ——— not long after my Appointment to its command I gave notice to the Capt of the Horse that such procedings would not in future be submitted to ——— upon a statement of the above facts being made to General Hinman in presence of some of the Field & Staff officers he gave his word

that he would not give an order to the Troop to recruit upon the Regiment untill I should have opportunity to shew the relative strength of the Regiment & the Troop —— this promise was renewed two years successively from the first promise — yet the General did give to the Captain of the Troop an order authorising enlistments from almost every Company in the Regiment — when as I believe it would be prooved the roll of the Troop was more than full allowing them the men they had taken in thier own way — who had actually done duty in the Troop and were given up by the officers of the Foot —— the Captain of the Troop proceded with his order and enlisted men from Companies that could not muster thirty six men including Officers — this gave uneasiness to the Foot — the Officers applyed to me and I advised them to resist the Order upon the ground of its illegality as being against the letter of the statute — fines were laid against those who had enlisted, the fined appealed to the Gen[l] who either did not determin at all or determined in favour of the appelant without giving *legal* notice to the officer imposing the fine —

Affairs remain in this situation and I solicit your Excellencys advise how I shall procede in the case whither it is proper & best for the Interest & well being of the Brigade that this illegal procedure shall be submitted to — or if the enquiery shall be made and confirm those to the Horse that were taken from companies that were full if any such there were and order those to be returned to the companies from which they were taken if the number of such companies was not sufficient to authorise the entlistment making the enquiery in the first place if the Troop was entitled to any order with the number they had or ought to have had on their role at the date of thier order —

I do not ask the advise of your Excellency for the purpose of shielding myself from the feelings of the officers of the Troop under the opinion & advise of your Excellency — because I do not intend to shun my duty that duty once known — nor fear any reproaches that might be cast upon a correct line of conduct —

I wait your Excellencys answer — your most obedient
& very humble servant
GARRIT SMITH Genl 8th Brigade

P S — should your Excellency advise a proceding in this case — wish to ask — should the Troop not be allowed to hold men who had legally or illegally enlisted some years since & performed thier duty there without opposition from the Foot — and ought they not to call upon all who have been permitted to *stand by* who are under the age of forty-five years —

I am told that the 29th Regiment is in the same situation as the 26th but have not had any application on the subject

G. S.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esquire
Governor of the state of Connecticut SharonWatertown C^{t} Mar 16, Paid 8

[Endorsed] B. Genl G. Smith 2. March 1814 Post M^{d} 16th — Rec^{d} 17th answ^{d} D^{o}

JEREMIAH STURGES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:91]

MILL RIVER, FAIRFIELD, March 4 1814

His Excellency John C. Smith Esqr

Sir I beg leave to Address your Excelln^{y} once more on the Subject of a piece of Ordnance for the Volunteer Comp^{y} which I have the Honor of Commanding, I Rec^{d} a Letter from Coll^{n} Mix of Feby 14 who says thare is no Gun for us in the State that he knows of which has Verry much Disappointed us after so long a Delay, tho we are in hopes of not having any Use for Such things, Still as the Spring Advances our Anxiety Increases for the Safety of our place, it being Situated Directly upon the Shore, tharefor to be fully prepared in Case of an Imergency we think highly Necessary, the Inhabitants of this Village in order to obtain the Necessary Supplies (upon your Excellencys Sugestion). Formed themselves into an Artillerey Comp^{y}, which has been duly organized, Consisting of Forty Seven Active men Whose Courage Fidellity & Patriotism may be relied upon, and would do Honor to thier Country & themselvs if Call^{d} upon and ware properly furnish^{d},

Thirteen Muskets has been Rec^{d}, Which are Greatefully Acknoledged and Could we obtain a Six pound Field piece with the Necessary Utenssals & Thirteen Cartouch boxes for our Muskets we Should feel much more Secure and as well furnish^{d} as we Could Expect., and the Favour would be Thankfully Rec^{d} & duly Acknowleg^{d}

by sir Your Excellencys most
obed^{t} Humble Servt &c

JEREMIAH STURGES

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Govr of the State of Connecticut Sharon Fairfield C^{t} 2 March 10

[Endorsed] Capt. Jer^{h} Sturges 4. March 1812 [sic] — Rec^{d} 8th Answ^{d} 12th ordnance and Cartridge-boxes —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[4:92]

SHARON 5. March 1814 —

Sir —

After much difficulty & delay I have obtained a promise that the several sections of militia called into service the last summer in consequence of alarms on the coast, shall be immediately paid by the Genl government — *provided the muster-rolls are correctly made out* — The United States' paymaster has engaged to furnish the Adjutant General with the proper forms. From the latter therefore you may soon expect a communication upon this subject —

I am sir respectfully your
ob^{t} & hm. ser^{t}

J. C. S. —

B. Genl E. Foote

[Endorsed] To B. Genl E. Foote 5. March 1814 — pay of militia —

JOSEPH HILL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:93]

SAYBROOK March 12th 1814

To His Exellency, John C. Smith

Sir by Request of Mr Asahel Porter Griswold a respectable young Gentleman of this Town I take the Liberty to request your Exellency in his behalf for a Discharge for him from Millitary Duty in the first Company of state Artillary to which he now belongs. As he is a person of a weak and feable constitution and verry subject to raising Blood and in my Opinion is unfit to perform the Dutys of a Solder. Inclosed is a Certificate of Doctr Richard Ely Junr a verry respectable Phisician who is well acquainted with Mr Griswolds complaints I am with respect your Exellency most Obedient & verry Huml Servt

JOSEPH HILL

I do fully concur in sentiment expressed by Col. Joseph Hill as above Stated

GEO. W. JEWETT

It being made Sufficiently evident to me that A. P. Griswold a matross in the first company of artillery in the military corps is rendered unfit for duty by reason of bodily infirmity I do hereby excuse him from actual service until further orders —

Given under my hand the 19th day of March

AD 1814 — J. C. S. Capt. Genl

Sir

As the act for raising the Military corps does not expressly authorize the commander in chief to give an absolute discharge from Service, altho' the power may perhaps be viewed as incident to the office. I consider Mr Griswold as fully entitled to a discharge, but feeling some delicacy in assuming a right which might possibly be questioned I have

preferred issuing an order of the foregoing tenor. I doubt not it will be equally efficacious & satisfactory.

I am sir respectfully your
ob^{t} & hum ser^{t} —

19. March 1814 —

[Superscribed] To His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Governour of the State of Connecticut att Sharon Say Brook march 12 paid 20

[Endorsed] Col. Jos. Hill — requesting a discharge for A. P. Griswold — Answ^{d} See —

CERTIFICATE OF RICHARD ELY, JR.

[4:94]

To whom it may concern

This may certify that Porter Griswould a Matross in Capt George W. Jewette's company is a person naturally of a feble constotution & that he has for a number of years past been an invalid & for the last year his lungs have been much diseased, has had frequent turns of bleeding from his lungs, & his state of health is now such that the least violent exercise exposes him to bleeding. And it is fully my oppinion that a short tour of duty as a soldier would be at the risque of his Life — It is likewise my opinion that he will never again be able to do militery duty & if there [are] any persons who ought to be excused from that service he is a very fit subject.

SAYBROOK March 9th 1814 RICH^{d} ELY j^{r} Physician

[Endorsed] Doct. R. Ely's certificate —

PHILO HILLYER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:95]

HARTFORD 9th March 1814

John Cotton Smith Esqr

Sir

I have done duty in your Excellency's first Company of foot Guards, nine years, I volunteer^{d} my service; (not being subject to military duty by law). I was soon after chosen

Corporal, In the year 1809 I rec^{d} a Sergeants warrant; In 1810 I was commissioned by the Hon^{l} Genl Assembly, Ensign; In 1813 I receive a 3^{d} Lieutenants Commission; I must now beg leave to resign that commission, and request your Excellency to accept my resignation & discharge me from further duty. I assure you I have the good of the Company in view by making this application to your Excellency at this time, I have it now in contemplation to be absent from the State this Spring & possibly for a much longer period, I hope therefore you will be pleased to grant my request, & accept my thanks

May the great disposer of event prolong your life & make you happy — I have the honor to subscribe myself your Excellencys Obdt & very Hble Servt

PHILO HILLYER
SHARON 19th March 1814

Sir

I should be happy in complying with the request contained in your letter of the 10th instant if a due regard to the public interest did not require some further time for deliberation — Meanwhile you have my free permission to retire from the service until the business which calls you abroad shall be accomplished —

Accept my thanks Sir for your kind wishes and rest assured they are heartily reciprocated —

With sincere regard I am
Sir your ob^{t} & hm ser^{t}

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon paid 10
[Endorsed] Mr Phil Hillyer 3^{d} Lieut. 1. com. F. Gu^{d} resignation
— Answer enclosed

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMBROSE WHITTLESEY

[4:96]

SHARON 12. March 1814

Sir —

No communication has yet been received from the Genl Government relative to the defence of your harbour — At the

late meeting of the Council I took the advice of that honourable body respecting the expediency of stationing men at Fort Fenwick. They were unanimous in the opinion that such a measure ought not to be adopted — under present circumstances & prospects —

Should you be seriously threatened with an attack I can only repeat that the standing laws of the state enable any military officer to array the men under his command for your protection, giving the immediate notice prescribed.

It was found impossible to proceed with the proof of the iron ordnance during the severe frost — Col. Staples who is employed in that service will make no unnecessary delay in accomplishing it. Should suitable guns be found for the purpose your former request in behalf of the inhabitants of Saybrook will not be disregarded — I doubt however whether *twelves* can be obtained — I am Sir respectfully &c

[Endorsed] To Capt. Amb. Whittlesey 12. March 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JEREMIAH STURGES

[4:97]

SHARON March 12th 1814 —

Sir —

Your letter of the 4th inst. is received —

Pursuant to a resolution of the Genl Assembly passed at the last session I have directed the old iron ordnance belonging to the state to be examined & proved — the work would have been completed before the severe frosts commenced if the ill health & urgent avocation of the Q. M. General had not prevented. Another gentleman of skill & experience has been engaged to undertake the business and it is hoped the object will be accomplished at no distant day. Should there be found a suitable gun for you I will direct that your reasonable request shall be complied with immediately. We have at present no other ordnance at our disposal, —

I feel a delicacy in ordering *cartridge-boxes* to be issued from the Arsenal, not being clothed with express authority for that

purpose Under these circumstances I trust your patriotic associates will not esteem it too burdensome to furnish themselves with an article which tho' necessary is not very expensive — I am sir respectfully &c
[Endorsed] To Capt. Jer^{h} Sturges

PETITION OF THE TOWN OF KENT

[4:98]

At a legal Town Meating holden in Kent on the 2^{d} day of March 1814; To ascertain whether the Town, in the present alarming state of our public concerns, desire that any measures should be addopted, to redress the wrongs which we suffer and avert the greater evils which threaten us, under the present system of; War, Embargo, Taxation, Retaliation, and Oppression of the General Government.

Deacon Clark Hatch chosen Moderator

Daniel M Comstock Town Clerk

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to form an Address to his Excellency the Governor of this State.

Committee appointed and Meeting adjourn'd to the 9th Ins^{t}

Report of s^{d} Committee.

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith
Esquire Governor of the state of Connecticut.

May it please Your Excellency:

We the Inhabitants of the Town of Kent, beg leave to present to You, Sir, with the highes respect, this our petition.

Your Petitioners conceive that we have been Rashly and and Wantonly plunged into a War; the greatest calamity that can befall a Nation. The folly of commencing this War, without preperation, is perhaps without a paralel in history! Nor does the manner of conducting it evince more ability, or wisdom, while the attempts to convert the Malitia into a permanent Army, and to employ them for the invasion of a forreign Territory; while the defence of the Several States has been

only partially provided for, or wholly neglected, manifest a disposition to violate the spirit and the litter of the Constitution, in its most important articles.

Your Petitioners beg leave respectfully to suggest that, although our rulers have declared War, we are wholly ignorant of the object in view. Is it to conquer Canada; Is it for sailors rights as is represented; Or is it not, to raise themselves into power and establish a Military despotism; and bring the Eastern States into Vassalage. — We confess with anxiety that the last is what we fear. — The awful Juncture has arrived in which silent submission to measures pursued by our General Government is not a virtue, but a crime. does patriotism forbid us to complain when we are compelled to afford our aid in carrying on a self destructive war under the false pretence of defending sailors rights? A war commenced in rashness, carried on with weakness and likely to terminate in infamy; And an Oppressive load of taxes laid at the verry moment that the country is stripped of the means of paying them; Your petitioners fear that if the unhallowed ambition of the Cabinett does not meet with some check from the Eastern States we shall forever bid a final farewell to the blessings of fredom, and the rights of Man.

We also fear that free discussions of public men and measures will not much longer be tolerated. And our rights, our laws, and Constitution will be trampled under foot; and we shall be deprived of the last miserable Solace, that of complaining with impunity. Removed as we are from the scene of bloodshed and in consequence of our local situation, having nothing to fear from enemy; it may be said that our anxiety should cease: But when the cries of the Widow and the Fatherless are sounding in our ears: when so many of our fellow countrymen have fallen in battle — and other daily are forced from thier homes and thier temperate climate to the bleak and [sic.] Houseless regions of Canada: while the smoke is ascending before our eyes from conflagrated villages, whose miserable inhabitants are flying helpless upon the world — and while our commerce and our seaboard are at the mercy of the enemy. — Can the

yeomanry of Connecticut remain unconcerned? — Permit us to express our astonishment at the resolution introduced to Congress by Mr Wright of Maryland. That Resolution is pregnant with consequences of the most fearful and allarming character — Consequences subversive of the cardinal provisions of the Constitution, destructive of the fundamental principals of civil liberty, and in perfect coincidence with those detested maxims which constitute the laws of a Milatary despotism. This measure is viewed with horror by every honest man in [the] community. The Minority in Congress, have to their everlasting honor, entered their solemn protest against thier devissions, and have firmly dissented, and thus rescued their reputation, from that gulph of infamy which has swallowed their Brethren.

We can yet Join in congratulation with our Revolutionary Fathers, that we have the right of trial by a Jury of the country by men drawn from the community; the creatures of no party, responsible to no power; but thier conscience and their God. And may this right be continued to us — Such liberty as will make Government stable; and such Government as will make liberty immortal?

Your Petitioners are deeply impressed with the injustice of being compelled to pay the present direct tax untill the Southern States have paid in full their quota of the direct tax of 1798 and also the present one, or at least give evidence which, to your Excellency shall be satisfactory that they will be made to do it.

Your petitioners beg leave to mention, that it is not their intention to request any thing which is unjust, unreasonable, or unconstitutional, but understanding that in some of the states they are wholly in the rear, and others partially so, we feel that, as these are the verry States that have plunged us into war, and disgrace they ought to sustain, at least a part of the expense.

Your petitioners would further express their apprehensions in view of the vast debt which Government is accumulating against these United States, and which, in a short time, they will be unable to liquidate. And we feel that we have borne

insult superadded to injury untill the cup of humiliation is exhausted to the dregs.

It is time that the National spirit rise, and demand measures which shall be more congenial to our Interest and to our honor; It is neither the intention nor the wish of your petitioners to display an exaggerated account of the evils which surround us. But taking them into serious consideration we feel impelled by duty to request your Excellency, either to call a special meeting of the State Legislature, or lay the subject of this petition before them at an early day at their Session in May next. — If your opinion should corespond with your petitioners, to devise and carry into execution such Constitutional measures, as may be calculated to afford relief from the evils which we now feel, and prevent those which we have reason to apprehend. —

Your petitioners are urged to suggest to your Excellency also the expediency of a convention of delegates from the Neighbouring States, armed with powers to consult the common good by repelling the present invasion, and suitably guarding against future attacks from the General Government upon the spirit and the letter of the Constitution —

The foregoing Instrument being taken into consideration by the Meeting

Voted — that the same be signed by the Moderator and Clerk —And that the same be presented to the Governor —

Attest — CLARK HATCH Moderator
DANIEL M. COMSTOCK Town Clerk

[Endorsed] Petition of the Town of Kent — Received 16. March 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GARRIT SMITH

[4:99]

SHARON 17. March 1814

Dr Sir

Your favour of the 2nd instant, postmarked the 16th is this day received — According to your representation the accuracy

of which I cannot doubt, the troop within the limits of the 26th regiment has been recruited in a very improper manner; and it is much to be regretted that the officer then commanding the brigade had not at the time been called to a strict account not merely for tolerating but authorizing such flagrant irregularities — He is now placed out of the pale of military discipline, and as the proper corrections were not seasonably applied it is difficult now to vacate his orders wholly, altho' they were manifestly illegal — The case will admit perhaps of a partial remedy only —

I should advise that, under existing circumstances, the recruits who have completely equipped themselves for service be allowed to remain in the troop. — Those who are not thus equipped fall within the province of the 11th section of the act for forming & conducting the military of the State and should be dealt with accordingly — To *stand by* a phrase and an abuse which I trust is novel in this state is on no account to be included —

If including men of this description the troop has more than its complement it should be reduced *at all events* by restoring the surplus number to their places in the infantry — In performing this duty it is obvious much prudence and discretion will be required — None are to be excused on the score of *age* merely who are between eighteen & forty-five — The practice which has too generally obtained of exempting from service those who have reached the age of *forty* is a serious injury to the militia and a gross violation of the law. I am sensible Sir you will encounter many difficulties in restoring a correct system to the 8th brigade — But I rejoice that its interests are confided to one who has both the disposition and the ability to promote them —

With sincere regard I am Dr Sir

your obedient & humble sert —

B. Gen1 Garrit Smith

RECOMMENDATION OF WALTER BOOTH

[4:100]

MERIDEN March 17^{t} 1814,

To Chauncy Whittlesey Esq

Maj. in the 2^{d} reg^{t} of Con^{n} State troops We the undersigners being acquainted with Mr Walter Booth of Meriden and are informed that the soldiers of the 6th Comp^{t} and 2^{d} reg^{t}, belonging to this town, are unanimously agreed in reccommending Mr Booth as a subaltern Officer in said Comp^{t} We also recommend Mr Booth as a gentleman of respectability whose character and integrity may justly recommend him to your notice to fill the aforesaid Office

JARED BENHAM
ASAPH MERRIMAN
ZENAS MITCHEL Esquire
BENAJAH ANDREWS
AMOS WHITE
ISAAC G. HOUGH
LYMAN COLLINS —
EDWARD COLLINS
ORIN MERRIMAN
SAMUEL WETMORE

[Endorsed] Recommendation of Walter Booth as a Subaltern in 5th comp. 2. Reg^{t}

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:101]

MIDDLETOWN March 22^{d} 1814

Sir

I am informed that Lieu^{t} Ives of the 6 C^{o} 2^{d} Reg^{t} of State Troops declines accepting the Commission offered him — If such is the fact I presume the Junior Officers will be promoted in order, which will leave the Office of Ensign vacant

A number of Gentlemen of the first respectability in Meriden have recommended Mr Walter Booth of that place

to fill the office. I am not personally acquainted with the Gentleman, but have no doubt from the recommendations, that he is a very proper Person for the Office.

The location of that Company is unfortunate for enlisting, & I believe it will be much better to contract its limits than to extend them. In Durham, 12 have been enlisted in Wallingford 3 — in Cheshire none, in Meriden Twenty three — The Roll of the Militia Company is still using one hundred in Meriden, & it is probable (as I am informed) that 40 or 50 more may be enlisted in Meriden if another Officer should be appointed from that town

Under these circumstances, I would suggest to your Excellency the expediency of appointing Mr Booth Ensign when the vacancy shall happen

I am with great respect
your Excellency's most Obed^t
Hum^bl Servant
CH: WHITTELSEY
Maj^r 2^d Reg^t State Troops

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq.
Sharon

[Endorsed] Major Ch^y Whittelsey March 22. 1814 — rec^d 1. April — recommending *Walter Booth* as Lieut. 6th Comp. 2. Reg^t State troops in *case of a vacancy* —

ELI FOWLER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:102]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq

Sir I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency a list of Names that have enlisted into the Branford Volunteer Company of Artillery Since the Company was Organized your Excellency will See that this List of Names with that transmited on the 12 day of Last September will make 98 that are at this time members of Said Company I have also to inform

your Excellency that it is the wish of the officers that another Company of Artillary Should be formed and Organized and that a part of both Companies Should Should [sic.] be Armed with muskets until proper field ordnance Can be provided for the Company last formed. if your Excellency Should deam it Expedient to form two Companies from this number of men it is the wish of the officers of Said Company that your Excellency would Direct a proper officer to form the Company and Lead them to the Chois of officers

Sir it is the wish of the officers that their may be a Regemental Staf appointed to the Battallion at least a quartermaster and qurteermster Sergeant and a Sergeant major — Sir if the Battalion Should be Called out these officers would be wanted —if your Excellency Should be pleased to Grant this request I Should be very well pleased —

Sir I have the honor to be your
Excellencys most obedient Servnt

ELI FOWLER

BRANFORD 15 March 1814

N B

Sir the Company is recruiting very fast as it respect the Staf appointment I must waite your Excellency Order

SHARON 24th March 1814

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 15th postmarked the 22nd instant is received. I am much pleased with the patriotism displayed by the exempts in the town of Branford. Directions are this day forwarded to the Adjutant general in compliance with the wishes contained in your letter. The order for dividing the company and leading to a choice of officers will be directed to you. I trust you will perceive the importance of exercising your usual prudence and discretion in accomplishing an object which may be attended with some difficulty —

It would hardly be proper to assign to your battalion the entire staff of a regiment — I however consent to allow you, besides the adjutant, a quartermaster & a sergeant Major of which determination you will be officially informed by the Adjutant general —

I am D^{r} sir respectfully your
obedient & hm ser^{t}

ELI FOWLER Esquire —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esq Sharon —
Branford March 22 10

[Endorsed] Genl Eli Fowler 22nd March 1814 Rec^{d} & Answ^{d}
24th —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON CONTAINING GENERAL ORDERS

[4:103]

SHARON 24. March 1814

Dear Sir —

I suppose it will be proper for you to countersign the foregoing order in your capacity of Adjutant General. After which you will be pleased to give it the requisite circulation —

Lt Col. Fowler of the battalion of volunteer artillery informs me in a letter received this day that thirty three recruits have been added to the volunteers in Branford making the company now to consist *of ninety eight* with the prospect of farther additions & that the officers & men are anxious to be divided into two companies the location of the town (having two harbours) rendering such an arrangement both expedient & desireable — I perceive no objection to the measure especially as I recollect giving them some encouragement to that effect last october session. I will therefore thank you to issue an order to Col. Fowler — directing him to make the division (which I presume he will effect with sound judgment) & to lead the company or companies to a choice of such officers as the division may render necessary & make returns to your office. You will commission them accordingly — The additional company thus created will of course be the *Sixth* in the battalion —

The Col. is also extremely solicitous for an addition to his staff — There will probably be little occasion for any — certainly not for the entire staff of a regiment — You may however allow him a quartermaster & a sergeant Major —

Your letter of the 25th February was duly received and afforded me great satisfaction —

With the warmest esteem I am
Dr Sir Sincerely yours —

N. B. I trust you gave Major Charles Sherman of N. Haven with the others notice of the intended payment of the militia & of the requisite form of the muster roll &c

State of Connecticut —
General Orders

March 24th AD 1814 —

A General court Martial, whereof Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Abel Rosseter is president, was held at New Haven on the 9th day of instant March, by order of the Brigadier General of the second brigade for the trial of Thomas S. Bevins ensign of the 4th company in the 32nd regiment of infantry, charged with offering personal abuse to the captain of said fourth company at a regimental meeting of officers on the 31st day of August last, and with ungentlemanly and unofficerlike conduct on said day. The court after due inquiry into the facts and a full hearing of the prisoner in his defence, pronounced the said Thomas S. Bevins guilty of the charges exhibited against him and thereupon Sentenced him to be Cashiered —

The Captain General having examined the record of the proceedings of Said court has thought proper to approve the Sentence, and the Same is approved accordingly —
The Brigadier General of the Second brigade will take the necessary measures to fill the vacancy which has been thus occasioned —

The General court Martial whereof Lieutenant Colonel Rosseter is president is hereby dissolved —

JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Endorsed] General orders approving Sentence of court Martial 2nd Brigade — 24. March 1814 — Letter to Adjt Genl also —

SETH P. STAPLES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:104]

NEW HAVEN March 26th 1814

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr
Cap. Genl of Connecticut

Sir,

Relative to paying the detachments of Cavalry from the 2d Reg. I have written Majr Goddard the paymaster — He requests me to enquire of your Excellency whether he is to pay them the whole amount due or only a part — the balance of what the U. States do not pay —

I wrote to Mr Goddard that I supposed the Troops must apply to him as the paymaster of the state; and wished him to make application to your Excellency. Will your Excellency give the necessary directions that the troops may be paid? — I remain, with great respect,

Your Excellencys Most Obdt
& very Humble Servt
SETH P. STAPLES

[Superscribed] To his Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Govr & Cap. Genl of Connecticut Sharon Conn^t

[Endorsed] Col. S. P. Staples 26. March 1814 recd 1. April — answd 2nd

JAMES C. COOKE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:105]

LITCHFIELD March 27 - 1814

Circumstances, which were unforeseen at the time of receiving my commission, have rendered it impossible for me to continue any longer in the discharge of its duties — I therefore enclose it to your Excellency. Supposing this to be the

most proper method of tendering my resignation — I neglected to send it while the legislature were last in session on the Supposition that my Services might then be wanted — And indeed necessity alone now induces me to decline the honour of continuing in the commission —

Should I have mistaken the time or form of application, I know your excellency will excuse this address —

With Sentiments of great respect,

your Most obt Servt — JAMES C. COOKE —

His Excellency — JOHN COTTON SMITH —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr

Sharon — Litchd Ct 30 March Paid 16

[Endorsed] Mr Js C. Cook 2. Lieut. Mil. corps 27. March 1814

recd 1. April answd 2nd *intra* —

[On inner leaf]

SHARON 2. April 1814

Sir

The concurrence of the council is necessary to the acceptance of a resignation in the Military corps — You will of course perceive the expediency of making application when the board is in session —

It is not expected of an officer that he Surrender his *commission* when he offers his resignation. Presuming you enclosed yours from mere misapprehension, it is herewith returned —

I am Sir your obd ent servt

APPLICATION FROM GOSHEN FOR REDUCTION OF A MILITARY COMPANY

[4:106]

To his Excellency John C Smith Esquire
Governor and Commander in Chief in and Over
the State of Connecticut —

We the undersigned, Inhabitants of the Town of Goshen beg leave to represent to your Excellency the situation of the militia in this Town — and respectfully request that you would

take the Subject into consideration, and make such alterations as Shall appear best to your Excellency, when the case Shall be fully made Known to you —

The Town is about nine miles in length — and four and one half in width, and is divided into two military districts, the South part making one — and the north part the other — in each of which there is a Company of Militia who make the Central part of their respective districts the place of there usual rendorvous — Originally these two companies composed the military force of the Town — excepting Some few who belonged to a Company of Horse — The Companies being full — they were ambitious — and were well displined in the *Elements* of war — and Such were the numbers and military spirit of the place that about fourteen years since a third and independant Company was raised which had for its limits the limits of the Regiment but which has not been extended beyond the limits of the Town ———— This was composed of men volunterring from each of the located companies in part — and in parts from exempts. and was for a number of years the pride and ornament of the regiment —

At that time the companies were full — and there was little or no contention for men, but from causes which are unnecessary, to be described to your Excellency their numbers are Very much reduced — each company mustering from eighteen to twenty two privates only.

The want of men for a few years past has been a Source of Constant irritation between the commanders of the two located companies — and the commander of the independant company — and a Source of mortification to them when embodied — The Soldierly pride of the commander is lost when he sees so few mustering to his Standard — and the ambition of the Soldiers is abated by Seeing so few in their ranks —

The undersigned being fully persuaded that the Interest of the Regiment would be promoted by disbanding one of the three Companies — beg leave to Suggest its expediency to your Excellency — at the Sam tim would remark that if either of the located companies were disbanded it would subject

many of the Soldiers to the inconvenience of going five or Six miles to get to either of their usual places of Rendorvous — Being impressed with a beleif that the interest of the militia might be mch promoted by the arangement Suggested and that a more favorable time for making it may not Soon occur The undersigned desire respectfully to request your Excellencys consideration of the Subject as early as may be convenient —

GOSHEN March 28t 1814

COLLINS BALDWIN
TIMOTHY COLLINS
WILLIAM STANLY JUr
ERASTUS LYMAN
DAVID WADHAMS
TRUMAN STARR
SAM[l] CHAPIN
JUDAH LEWIS
CHARLES LEWIS
THEODORE PARMELE
JOSEPH BAILEY
DAVID THOMSON
JOHN DICKINSON
THERON BEACH
JONATHAN NORTH
EBER BAILEY
THERON S. LUDINGTON
DANIEL BALDWIN
ZIMRI HILLS
GUY WADHAMS
DAVID VAILL
RUE TUTTLE
ELISHA HOTCHKISS
JOHN GRISWOLD
DUDLEY HENDERSON
AUGUSTUS THOMSON
THERON TOWNER
GEORGE COOKE
GILES GRISWOLD JUNr
NORMAN WADHAMS
LODOWICK DENISON
SETH WADHAMS
JONATHAN WADHAMS
ISAAC WADHAMS
SAMUEL LYMAN
MOSES COOK
ABRAHAM NORTON
PITT BUEL
ELISHA HURLBUT
ARCHIBALD [BURR?]
ISRAEL NORTH
WILLIAM A KELLY
DAVID LUCAS
LEWIS M. NORTON
CHAUNCEY KELLOGG
ETHAN WALTER
DANIEL NORTON
EDWARD TUTTLE
MILZAR HOWE
PHILOW HOWE
LUMAN OVIATT
JESSE BEACH
DAVID BEECHER
CHARLES NORTON
JOSEPH GAYLORD
FREDERICK HUMPHREY

Lazarus Ives
Cephas Ives
Helmont Kellogg
Theron Squire
Reuben North
Norman Smith
U. C. Chapen
Allen Lucas
Archibald Austin
Russel Austin
Nathaniel North
Silas Baldwin
Sam'l Osborn
Samuel Norton
John Carrington
Robert Palmer
William Hurd
Pomeroy Baldwin
Eliakim M Humphrey
Benjamin Hurd
Stephen Hurd
Elijah Ellsworth —
Carleton Humphry
John Wadhams Jr
Jonathan Buel
Elihu Lewis
Asah Wright
David L Parmelee
Solomon Wadhams

[Endorsed] Application from Goshen for the reduction of a military Company — 35th — Regt —

HORACE RAWDON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:107]

Boston March 29th 1814

Sir,

you will recollect that I was removed by your order to this place for A trial the Court can find no bill for Indictment against me — I was first taken in Connecticut and procured bail I therefore request your Excellency to Send for my immediate discharge or removeal to Connt that I may be a help to my Suffering family — by So doing you will relieve the innocent and Suffering

Horace Rawdon

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith Governor of
the State of Connecticut

Boston March 29 1814 I hereby Certify that there is no bill found against H. Rawdon in this County upon the Crim with

which he has been charged, & I know of no reason why he should be any longer retained in this state. E MORSE Atty for H. Radwon.

[Superscribed] To his Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Sharon Connecticut

[Endorsed] Horace Rawdon 29. March 1814 rec^{d} 12th April

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SETH P. STAPLES

[4:108]

SHARON 2. April 1814 —

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 26th ult. I have to observe that the Paymaster Genl has authority only to pay the militia lately in Service the allowance granted by the State beyond the wages presented by the act of Congress —

The United States have assumed the payment of our militia & state troops as well *the several sections ordered out at various points on the coast* as those stationed at N. London — Major Geo. L. Perkins the U. S. paymaster at Norwich informs me, thro' the adjutant gen^{l} that he is ready to discharge the sums yet behind as soon as the muster rolls duly made out, shall be presented — I have directed the adjutant gen^{l} to procure the proper forms from Major Perkins & transmit them to the different brigades whence detachments were taken that remain unpaid — He has no doubt done so in those cases where returns had been made to his office — The death of Genl Merriman probably prevented any return from the 2nd brigade — Aware of this circumstance I particularly requested the adjutant gen^{l} to give the necessary information to Major Sherman whose battalion was a short time in service, & from whom I had received a letter on the subject, but it wholly escaped my recollection at the time that a part of your regiment was also on duty or I should have directed the Same notice to you — Will you have the goodness to drop a line to the adjutant general stating the claim of your dragoons? I

presume the business may in this way be speedily & satisfactorily adjusted — Major Goddard will pay the balance, due from the state

It is desireable that no draughts should be made upon the state-treasury in the prosecution of this war farther than imperious necessity shall require — We have as yet opened no account whatever with the gen^{l} gov^{nt} and I sincerely hope it may be avoided —

I am Dr Sir respectfully your
obedient Servant —

Col. S P Staples —

P. S. As nothing is mentioned in your letter respecting the proof of the ordnance, I conclude you are only waiting for the season to be more favourable —
[Endorsed] To Col. Staples

AMASA JONES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:109]

Coventry April 5th 1814

The petition of Amasa Jones and others in behalf of Samuel Dow and family humbly prayeth his Excellency to take into consideration the contents of the enclosed and also the unfortunate situation of Samuel Dow of this town who is confined in the States Prison of New York and has been there about eighteen months, and if consistant with the high responsibility of your office we pray your Excellency to certify to his Excellency Daniel D Tomkins of New York the character of the Hon. Jesse Root and the Rev, Moses C Welch D.D. which I must presume you are acquainted with. Should your Excellency see fit to grant our request you will enclose the petition to me directed to the Post Office Coventry You will thereby confer a lasting obligation on the friends and family of Samuel Dow and the petitioners

Amasa Jones

His Excellency John C Smith Governor of the
State of Connecticut

P S If you cannot consistently grant the above request please to enclose and direct it as requested above
this letter I open[d] after it was seled —
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Sharon Coventry
C[t] April 13 Paid 20
[Endorsed] Amasa Jones — rec[d] 21. April 1814 complied with the request on 22nd

MATTHEW GRISWOLD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:110]

LYME 9th April 1814. —

His Exc'lly
Governour Smith

Sir,

On the evening of Thursday last, two British armed Vessels, one a Ship of about 20 guns and the other a large Brig, came to anchor, just without the bar, at the mouth of Connecticut river. In the latter part of the same night, Six boats with about 200 men, left the vessels, and proceeded into the river, and at about 4 oclock, in the morning, arrived unperceived at Pettipaug landing in Say Brook. They landed, & at once became possessed of the place & of all of the shipping lying there, — I was informed the inhabitants were told that they came not to injure property on shore; — their object was to destroy Commerce, and on condition the inhabitants would Submit quietly, & without resistance, to permit all the shipping to be destroyed, their persons, houses, &c should not be molested. — In this state of things, the people were obliged to submit, and the result has been, the burning of between 20 & 30 vessels, some of which were very large — The value, of what have been burnt, I'dont know, probably between 1500 & 200.000. Dollars.

The enemy made an attempt to get off two of the sharp vessels, but the wind being ahead, they were unable to do it; — from this cause or some other, they did not leave the river untill between 8, & 9. oclock in the evening, which they were enabled to do by the darkness of the night without harm —

The notice given to the militia, and to the General officers at New London, was not so speedy, as could be desired: to hear cannon in various directions, is so common, as to excite no alarm, and I do not know that any alarm guns were fired — and the smoke of vessels although seen raised no suspicions, that the enemy were burning our vessels, for scarcely a day passes this Season of the year, but large Smoke is made, from burning the thatch on our salt meadows, which sometimes continue a day or two. — I live but about seven or eight miles from the Scene of devastation, & saw the Smoke, but had no idea of the cause of it, untill about 10. oclock in the forenoon. The militia came in very slowly, and it was nearly night, before any considerable force was collected: and when the state of their arms & ammunition were examined, they were found to be very deficient — four pieces of Artillery were finally brought to this side of the river, and about as many on the other side, but a great scarcity of Ammunition was found to exist — I believe an Attempt would have been made, to have taken two of the Coasting vessels lying this side the river & made a direct attack upon the barges, but the deficiency of arms & ammunition prevented —

I hope we shall have no more visits from our Enemy, but we are placed much in their power —

I am Sir, with Considerations of the highest
Respect, Your obedient Servant —
MATTHEW GRISWOLD

P. S.

The above mentioned vessels were last night reinforced by a frigate & are all now lying off Say. Brook Bar — M. G. —

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH Sharon, Connecticut Lyme C^{t} 12 April 20

[Endorsed] Hon. M. Griswold — 9. April 1814 rec^{d} 14th

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:111]

NEW LONDON April 9th 1814

Sir

The Enemy in several Barges carrying about 200 Men appeared yesterday Morning at daylight in front of Pettipaug

just above Saybrook to which place they had been attracted by a number of vessels there laid up for security. A company of marines formed & exercised in the principal Street of the village as I understand & gave assurances to the Inhabitants that they should not be disturbed nor should their dwellings be injured as the sole object of the Expedition was the destruction of the navigation there collected. Their promises were faithfully executed both in the protection of the Inhabitants & their houses as well as in the compleat destruction of about twenty sail of vessels which with the property on board of them are valued at $100,000 & upwards. This loss has fallen upon Citizens of the State of New York as well as Inhabitants of this State. What adds to my Regret is that the British continued in front of Pettipaug & five or six miles within the mouth of Connecticut River from daylight yesterday morning untill after sunset last Evening without receiving any annoyance from us. The Stage which arrived here at about 11 Oclock AM of the 8th brought the first Intelligence of the sufferings of our fellow Citizens. It was supposed by the officers of the United States as well as myself that their work was probably completed & that they had descended the River before the Stage reached here & had arrived at their vessels two of which were anchored just without the Bar to further the object of the Expedition. Soon after the arrival of the stage one of the Gentlemen from Lyme came in for assistance & Capt French of the artillery with his field piece was immediately despatched to their Relief. Commodore Decatur ordered a Body of Marines from his Squadron & Genl Burbeck a detachment from Fort Trumbull to aid in capturing the Enemy. A number of Officers & Citizens voluntered their Services & all haste was made by taking up carriages & horses to reach Lyme ferry as soon as practicable. — Col Kingsbury Captains Jones & Biddle with Genl Isham & myself arrived at the Scene of action just before Sunset & the artillery from this Town together with that from Lyme & Saybrook was placed in the most advantagious position to cut off the retreat of the barges which at this time were along side a schooner at anchor about half way between Lyme & Pettipaug & without the reach of ar-

tillery from either side. On board of this Schooner the whole british force well armed was prepared for effectual Resistance. Owing to the lateness of the hour when aid was requested many of the marines & the detachment from Fort Trumbull did not arrive untill Sun set & before a sufficient number of men properly armed could be collected & the necessary arrangements made it became dark. The British seized the first moments afterwards & silently took to their Barges. — The Rapidity of the current at this season of the year would soon have carried them beyond our Reach without the aid of oars & so favored were they by the night that not a person knew when they passed. I cannot sufficiently express the deep mortification which I feel that such an attack should be made upon us & under such circumstances & that the assailants have excaped unpunished

This Expedition together with the Report that Admiral Cochrane who is to command on the american station has a Body of Troops under him make it my Duty to state to your Excellency the unprepared condition of this quarter to receive the Enemy should any future attack be made. Responsible as my station is, I feel that in the hour of peril much censure may be attached to me unless some thing more is accomplished than merely to order in the militia. They ought to come prepared for the emergency but we have neither powder Balls nor fixed ammunition & I need not name to your Excellency that the militia are generally very deficient in arms upon which any reliance can be placed for service. I have therefore to request that some early provision be made as to all the subjects above mentioned & upon which I had just before written your Excellency when the Affair at Saybrook detained my Letter and added new force to the propriety of my Request

I remain with Respect

Your Excellencys Ob^{t} Servt

Wm Williams

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr Shaaron

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire
Sharon Connecticut N. London, C Ap^{l} 11 10

[Endorsed] Major General W. Williams 9. April 1814 rec^{d}
14th answ^{d} 15th

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DAVID HUMPHREYS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:112]

(Confidential) NEW HAVEN (Butler's Hotel)

Sunday Ev^{g} April 10th

Dear Sir 11 oClock 1814.

The heavy & afflictive misfortune which has just happened by the destruction of the Shipping at Pettipaug, the apparent change of system, the greatly augmented force on this station, which certainly would not have been sent without an object to be accomplished the unexampled boldness of the Enemy is penetrating so far & remaining so long, and the facility with which their object has been effected, have excited no inconsiderable apprehension of danger among the Inhabitants of this part of the Coast.

At the request of several Gentlemen of respectability, I trouble your Ex^{cy} with this exposition of the grounds of their alarm; increased, likewise, by the want of efficient means & concert for their defence — & rendered almost desperate by the deplorable condition of the Fort of the U. S. and the deficiency of several articles indispensable for the successful employment of our own military force. Nor would it, in my judgment, be so hazardous an Expedition to attempt the destruction of the vessels here, as was *that* of the Enemy up Connecticut River.

I am informed by two Officers, who have visited the Fort this afternoon, that the Officer of the U. S. commanding there, has 30 Men under his command, with only six musquets fit for service, altogether destitute of musquet Cartridges, provided with only thirteen Rounds of Cannon Cartridges, and having neither a supply of Powder, grape or canister Shot.

Your Ex^{cy} will doubtless be informed by Lieut. Col^{o} Staples of the bad quality of the Powder sent to him by the Quarter Master Genl. It appears totally unfit for use.

The Officers of Militia represent a great deficiency of effective arms & accoutrements to prevail in their Companies; as not having more than one firearm to two Men. Brig^{r} Genl Howe will, I doubt not, state the facts to your Ex^{cy}, in reporting the judicious measures of vigilance, which he had adopted to prevent surprize. Arms are not now to be had for Money, in any quantities.

It is apprehended, that this want of preparation, of which the Enemy can scarcely fail of being apprised, may, if continued, serve as a strong encouragement or rather invitation to Enterprise, considering the success of his last Expedition; which, it is supposed, has been attended, with no loss on his part. Without knowing more of the details, I presume to say nothing of the discredit, which, I fear, will attach to this State, by those who are peculiarly unfriendly to it.

How far or how soon any of the deficiencies can be supplied, I am unable to determine. But I have understood, by accident, a number of Arms are placed in the charge of Maj^{r} Genl Hubbard, by your Ex$^{cy's}$ direction: — which will prove a most seasonable & valuable resource in case of emergency, if distributed instantly with Cartridges. If deposited in Hamden, near the General's House, they are not so much at hand as they would be, at Hotchkiss Town, (so called) where the roads fork, & which is some what nearer to this City, and the probable point of attack.

There are, also, two twelve Pounders, here, which, if mounted, might probably be used with good effect. It is very desireable in my opinion, as well as that of the Citizens, that they should be immediately delivered to the Artillery Company of Exempts raised in this City . . . than which, I presume, there is not a better Company in the U. S. for real defence.

The Mounting them, I understand, would not cost more than $60 each: & it might be done in a very short time; the seasoned timber being ready-provided. These, I conceive,

are well calculated for the defence of the Harbour with round or grape Shot, if placed at the end of the Wharf. The knowledge of their being thus placed & effectively ready for action, might probably deter Barges from attempting to enter, except in great force, of which timely notice might always be obtained.

Might not the knowledge of Alarm-Guns for Signals at all times; Beacons to be fired at night; & designated Places of Rendezvous for every Corps, of *every description of arm;* being es[ta]blished, have the same tendency of deterring from attack, as well as that of more speedily collecting together a force for defence?

I trust your Ex^{cy} will have the goodness to pardon these suggestions, in my mind, highly important at the moment; and arising solely from a desire to prevent exceedingly great losses & calamities, which are perhaps susceptible of being prevented by anticipation. Nothing can be more true than the *position*, to be prepared for the hour of danger is often to avert its evil consequences.

I am sorry that the ill state of my wife's health, who has been very sick in this Place for more than six weeks past, (altho' now, I hope, convalescent) prevents me from paying my personal respects to Your Ex^{cy}, on so interesting an occasion. The same reason will, likewise, oblige me to decline taking a Seat in the Legislature at a Crisis, which, I consider of the utmost importance, especially to the Eastern States.

If an armistice shall not be agreed on, will not our Coasts be, in all human probability more exposed to insult & ravage, than heretofore? In that case, what measure could promise more Utility than making a common cause of defence, throughout the States in this quarter of the Union, in imitation of former example, ever since the first Settlement of New England? Could the adoption of such a constitutional measure be obnoxious to any objection that did not originate in unfounded jealousy? Did the circumstances ever more imperiously demand it? Some thing like this, was, if I mistake not, done in effect, by the States of North-Carolina, Kentucky &^{c} by furnishing Volunteers for the succour of their bordering States,

when invaded or threatened with invasion, in the course of the last Campaign. And has not this patriotick conduct met with great applause? May we not be as much in need of such aid as Virginia or Ohio was, at that period; especially since it is reported & may be expected that the U. S. — Ships at New London will be dismantled & their Crews sent to the Lakes for facilitating the Invasion of the Canadas Should any great excesses be committed (as has happened by the burning of Newark) or should the retaliative System be acted upon, must we not calculate that the menaces of Sir George Provost, will be realised on our defenceless Sea-Coasts? May not these at least, become subjects of serious enquiry? And ought not the Citizens of this State, who are exempted from military duty, yet capable of bearing arms in times of great peril, & who have generally more at stake than the common Militia, without indulging the unreasonable hope & desire of being defended in their Persons (and) property, as it were gratuitously, by that portion of the Community who are least able to bear the expence, think seriously on these things, before it be too late?

I have the honour to be
very respectfully
y^{r} Excellencys
M^{o} ob: & M^{o} h^{ble} Serg^{t}
D. Humphreys

Monday morn^{g}
His Ex^{cy}
Govr Smith
Sharon

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor Smith State of Connecticut Sharon

[Endorsed] Genl Humphreys 11. April 1814 rec^{d} 14th answ^{d} 15th

P. S. Being pressed in time to go to Derby to the Freemen's meeting, I am unable to make a Transcript, which I beg may serve as some apology for the interlineations.

JONATHAN MAY AND JACOB LYON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:113]

May it please Your Excellency

Whereas

John Mason Ensign in the 9th Comy of the 11th Regiment of Millitia in this State is about to remove into the State of Massachusetts.

He is therefore desireous of obtaining a regular discharge from Military duty which we think him entitled to having performed his duty well as a good Soldier, And the General of the 5th Brigade being absent and gone to the State of Pennsylvania of course there being no proper officer to give such discharge short of your Excellency, These are therefore to request your Exellency, (if you should think proper) to send him a discharge and also an order to fill the vacancy that may be occasioned thereby

We are Sir your Exellencys most Obedt
Humble Servts

Woodstock April 11th — Jonathan May, Jacob Lyon } Majll Reg

Ad 1814

His Excellency
John C. Smith Esqr Govr &C

P. S. A Line directed to Capt Hallock Perrin Woodstock would be gratefully recd

Colonel absent

[Superscribed] His Exelency John C. Smith Esqr Sharon Connecticut Woodstock Ct April 14 Paid 10

[Endorsed] John Mason Ensign 9th Comp. 11. Regt request for discharge — order sent to Col. Trumbull to issue &c 30 April 1814 Letter recd 28th April —

HEZEKIAH HOWE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4-:114]

New Haven 11 April 1814

sir

Much alarm having been excited in this place by the recent conduct of the enemy at Saybrook, I have deemed it my duty, (at the earnest request of a number of the Citizens of the most respectable standing) to exercise the authority vested in me by law, — Accordingly I yesterday ordered a detachment from the second Regiment, consisting of one Subaltern Officer, one Non commissioned Officer & twelve privates, to serve as a patrol for the night. — the alarm having in some measure subsided, the detachment is discharged, & no other one will be ordered without further intelligence relative to the approach of the enemy, — A much larger patrol was out the night previous, consisting of detachments from the second Company of Foot Guards, & from the Battalion of Artillery, these were ordered out by their respective Commandants. — I ought also perhaps to mention that a small detachment of Artillery was last night ordered out for the same purpose by Major Sherman

I am sensible that it is not right that the state of affairs in this place should leave this burden on the Militia, — but the total want of preparation for defence, on the part of the Citizens is so evident, that I could not resist the call which the occasion demanded

Respectfully I am Sir
Your Most Obed servt
Hezekiah Howe
Brigadier General
2nd Brigade Connecticut Militia

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq
Captain General

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq
Sharon public service 10

[Endorsed] Brigd Gen1 H. Howe 11. April 1814 recd 14th answd 15th intra —

SELECTMEN OF SAYBROOK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:115]

SAY BROOK April 12,th 1814,

To his Excellency

John Cotton Smith Govr &c.

Sir, In pursuance of a Vote of this Town, in legal Town meeting assembled — the undersigned Select Men of s^d Town, and in behalf thereof; — take the liberty to State to your Excellency, — that on the Morning of the 8th Instant, the Inhabitants of Pettipauge Point, (Seven miles from the light house), were surprized by a detachment of the Enemy, from the Squadron in the Sound; consi[s]ting of between 2 & 3 hundred Seamen and Marines; commanded by Cap Coote, of the Brig *Borer*.

So few of the Inhabitants had any notice of their approach; and so sudden was their landing, that the marines were in many of the House[s], before the Inhabitants were out of their beds — After having destroyed nearly all the Shipping in Port, they retired on board a Schoon[er], which they hauled off into the Stream below the Point, and remained there untill Dusk, when they were routed by Leut. Bull with a field piece; in which they lost two men killed, and one wounded — . they then took to their Barges and escaped in the dark; not however without being briskly fired on by the Militia on either Side the river. — The number of Vessels burnt by them was twenty one, beside Several Boats; those remaining are two new Vessels on Stocks — One Schooner and a Small Sloop — The property destroyed is estimated to have been worth, one hundred forty thousand Dollars. This very Serious misfortune, is as we conceive, to be attributed, to the total neglect, which the Government has manifested towards this Town and Port, the winter past — Had there been a Guard of Fifty or even Twenty Men at Saybrook; this Event we verily believe would not have happened;/ and had there been a Supply of Amunition, esp[e]cially for the Field Pieces — though that would not have prevented the landing, yet would certainly have enabled us to have

routed them from Pettipauge before night: and in Such Case, they must have suffered severe loss if not a total Capture — They escaped under cover of Darkness — There being no Cannon Ammunition at Pettipauge, and but few Cartridges at the Platform — It was very late before a few could be got to serve the piece, which routed them as above stated —/

Your Excellency must be sensible that the Inhabitants of this Town feel Indignant at the General Government; for declaring a war of Offence, & then leaving a Section of the Country so important, as the Mouth of Connecticut River, and it[s] Neighborhood; wholly unprotected, without the means of defence, and under the very Guns of a large Squadron of the Enemy — To that Goverment they have applied in vain; Their repeated applications have been treated with total neglect, From that, they expect no releif — — It is true that at present there is but little in this Port, to tempt new incurs[i]ons of the Enemy — but if the embargo should be removed many, — and if not — some vessels will collect in this Port — and as this instance of success will Inspire them with boldness and assurance; It is but reasonable to suppose, that we shall frequently be disturbed by them, and it is prudent that we should be in readiness to repel them —

The Inhabitants of this Town, therefore, look up to the State Government, thro its cheif Majistrate; for that protection & assistance which they need; and which they had a right to expect from the Goverment of the United States; but for which they have anxiously looked in vain — And they do hope that no motive of Economy, will prevent a trifling expenditure, for so important an object; or operate even as a procrastination.

In behalf of this Town therefore and at its particular request, we pray your Excellency would be pleased to place a respectable guard near the Mouth of the river, to keep *ward & watch.* with power to stop, examine and detain, if necessary, all vessels boats &c navigating said River. — We also pray that a Magazine of Ammunition may be established in the Neighborhood well supplied with Suitable Items for Ordnance, and Muskets, and such other things as may be thought needful by the Wisdom of your Excellency; — Please Pardon the liberty we take

in praying Speciffe, [specific] relief — The anxiety and Solicitude of the Inhabitants are our apology —

JOHN AYRE
GEO. W. JEWETT — Select Men of
JONATHAN WARNER — Saybrook

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Conn Chester C^t April 14 Paid 10

[Endorsed] Selectmen of Saybrook 12.April 1814 — rec^d 21st answ^d 22nd

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GOVERNOR STRONG

[4:116]

SHARON 14. April 1814 —

Sir —

I have received a letter from Horace Rawdon (who at the request of your Excellency was removed from this state to the commonwealth of Massachusetts on a charge of passing counterfeit bank bills) in which he states that no indictment has been found against him, and he therefore requests to be either discharged or sent back to Connecticut — A communication to the same effect is also received from Elijah Morse who Subscribes himself Attorney to Horace Rawdon — Mr Morse farther suggests that the prisoner is detained in consequence of a representation made to the court by Mr Rixford the agent, *that Such was my desire* — I have no desire, nor have I expressed any, that Mr Rawdon should remain in custody longer than the purpose for which he was removed may require — I must therefore entreat your Excellency to cause immediate inquiry to be made into the circumstances of the case and to issue such directions as justice to the public and to the individual concerned shall demand — If the charge has not been Sustained I presume your Excellency will lose
causing
no time in ordering the prisoner to be returned [.] with the highest respect I have the honour to be your Ex^y,^s ob^d & ve^y hum^l ser^t J. C. S —

[Endorsed] To Govr Strong 14. April 1814 — forwarded by Capt Rawdon father of H. Rawdon —

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MILITIA OF CONNECTICUT.

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN COTTON SMITH. ESQ.

Captain General and Commander in Chief.

Col. Joseph Trumbull, } *Aids-de-Camp to the*
Col. William M. Smith, } *Commander in Chief.*

HIS HONOR

CHAUNCEY GOODRICH,

Lieutenant General.

——— ——— } *Aids-de-Camp.*
——— ——— }

Major-General Ebenezer Huntington, esq. Adjutant General

Major Thomas M. Huntington, } *Aids-de-Camp*
Major Henry Hudson, }

Col. John Mix, Quarter-Master-General

James R. Woodbridge, } *Assistants*
——— ——— }

Col. James Ward, Commissary General

Roswell Bartholomew, } *Assistants*
——— ——— }

Major Hezekiah Goddard, Pay-Master-General

GOVERNOR'S GUARDS.

AT HARTFORD.

HORSE. Joshua P. Burnham, Major Commandant
James Fortune, 1st Lieutenant

Henry Keyes, 2d Lieutenant
Daniel Buck, Cornet

FOOT. Isaac D. Bull, Major Commandant
Eliphalet Terry, Captain and 1st Lieut.
Richard E. Goodwin, 2d Lieutenant
Philo Hillyer, 3d Lieutenant
James M. Goodwin, 4th Lieutenant
James H. Wells, Ensign

AT NEW-HAVEN.

HORSE. William A. Babcock, Major Commandant
Josiah B. Morse, 1st Lieutenant
Ralph I. Ingersoll, 2d Lieutenant
Enos A. Prescott, Cornet

FOOT. Luther Bradley, Major Commandant
Timothy Bishop, 1st Lieutenant
Jared Doolittle, 2d Lieutenant
Timothy Plant, 3d Lieutenant
Hezekiah Hotchkiss, jr. 4th Lieutenant
Horace Beach, Ensign

FIRST DIVISION.

Consisting of the First and Seventh Brigades
Solomon Cowles, esq. Major General
Major William L. Cowles, } *Aids-de-Camp*
Major Henry Cowles, }

FIRST BRIGADE.

Moses Tryon, jun. esq. Brigadier General
Peter B. Gleason, Brigade Major and Inspector
Sheldon W. Candee, Brigade Quarter-Master

1st REGT. Luther Fitch, lieut. col. commandant Martin Ellsworth 1st maj. James Loomis, 2d maj.

Charles Hosmer, adjutant. Henry A. Rowland, chaplain. Horatio G. Hale, quarter master. Timothy Loomis, pay master. James E. Hart, surgeon. Vacant surgeon's mate.

Artillery Company. — Nathan Johnson, capt. Seth Whiting, 1st lieut. Jabez Ripley, 2d lieut.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry	
Jeremiah Brown	Nathan Allyn	James Doolittle
Eli Wadsworth	Jos'h Woodbridge	William Benton
Robert T. Mather	Henry Loomis	Augustin Drake
Giles Ellsworth	Erastus Ellsworth	Joel Thrall
M. Goodman, jr.	David Selden	Samuel Hurlbut
John Palmer	Philander Rowell	David Holcomb
Hez. Webster	Benoni Hubbard	Samuel Cadwell
John F. Waters	Erastus Barber	Elijah Filley
James Marsh	W. Wadsworth 2d	Dyer White

18th REGT. Calvin Barber, lieut. col. commandant Arnold P. Humphreys, 1st maj. Jesse P. Holcomb, 2d maj. Haynes Woodbridge, adjutant. Allen M'Lean, chaplain. George Cornish, jr. quarter-master Jeffery O. Phelps, pay-master. Gideon Case, surgeon. Benjamin Weed, jr. surgeon's -mate.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry	
Isaac Phelps, j'r	Starling Dibble	James Lewis
Arch. Casson, j'r	Abner Case	Leman Reed
Philander Case	James Cornish	Asa Cornish
Dud. Humphreys	Ariel Hoskins	Zebina Moses
Joel Clark	Joab Owen	Hervey Skinner
Jared Mills, j'r	Gad Curtis	Ralph Dyer
James Huggins, j'r	Joab Griffin	Orange Case
Ezra Adams, j'r	Loin Humphreys	Seymour A. Moses
John Veits	Elihu Holcomb	Erastus Roberts
Oliver Filley	Eben'r Sheppard	David Pinney

19th REGT. Ezra Brainerd, lieut. col. commandant Daniel Hayden, 1st maj. Francis M'Lean, 2d maj.

Chester King, adjutant, Andrew Yates, chaplain. Joseph M. Merrow, quarter-master. Stephen B. Goodwin, pay-master. Eleazer M'Cray, surgeon. David Bemis, surgeon's-mate.

Artillery Company. — Amherst Reynolds, captain. Giles Olmsted, 1st lieut. George Buckland, 2d lieut. William Jones, 3d lieut.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry	
Erastus Strong		Martin Rockwell
Nehemiah Osborn	Stephen Heath	
Joseph Goodwin	Joseph P. Jones	Timothy Spencer
David Abbey	Charles S. Phelps	Friend Noble
John Howard	Aaron Furmer, j'r	Eben'r Strong, j'r
Moses Ensign	Edward Forbes	Henry Hayden
Justus M'Kinney	Clark Foster	Ebenezer Smith
Amos Buckland	William Wilson	Minor White
John A. Hall	Elliott Palmer	Solo. Carpenter
William Culver	Peter Buckland	Benjamin Wolcott
Simeon Barber	Eli Morton	Asahel Loomis
Elizur Hollister	Francis Brown	Pierpont Hollister

22d REGT. Elijah Smith, lieut. col. commandant Nathan H. Rose, 1st maj. Samuel Bradley, 2d maj.

Abner S. Porter, adjutant. Hubbel Loomis, chaplain. Willard Hutchinson, quarter-master. Billings Grant, pay-master. Judah Bliss, surgeon. Rhodolphus Ladd, surgeon's-mate.

Artillery Company — Vacant capt. Daniel W. Badger, 1st lieut. William Porter, 2d lieut.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry	
E. Washburn	Josh. Howse	Amos Harvey
John Kingsbury	Elijah Whiton	Arial Chapman
Joseph Dow	James White	David Robertson
Darius Alden	Alvin Hyde	Samuel Jones

John Warren, j'r	Roger Barber	Ralph Cobb
Joseph Merrick 2d	Isaac Niles	Philip Porter
Samuel Crawford	Abner Badger	Willard Badger
Joseph G. Norton	Levi Sweetland j'r	Daniel Loomis, j'r
Sam'l E. Johnson	Eber Spelman, j'r	Jona. Johnson, j'r
Oliver Foot	Caleb Carlton	Wyllys Pease

31st REGT. Amariah Kibbe, jr. lieut. col. com'dt.
Robert Morrison, 1st maj. Vashni Hall, jr. 2d maj.
Roswell Parsons, adjutant. William L. Strong, chaplain. Peter B. Potter, quarter-master. Wm. Mather, pay-master. Horatio A. Hamilton, surgeon. Vacant, surgeon's mate

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry	
Jabez King	Eliphalet Collins	Lorrain T. Pease
Fred. Taylor	Sam'l Norris, jr.	Jona. Remington
Christo. Jones	Tho. Austin, jr.	David Bement
Jabez Collins	Jonah Griswold, jr.	Chester Allen
Job Hurlburd, jr.	David Meacham	Oliver Collins
Thomas Chandler	Obed Hale	Alpheus Pease
Luke Kibbe	John Phelps	Calvin Hall
Phillip Nelson	Isaac Pomeroy	Barlow Rose
Horace Kendall	Simon Kendall, jr.	Carlos Harmon
Israel Phelps	Vacant	Apollos Phelps

First Regiment of Cavalry

Jonathan Bartlett, lieut. col. commandant
Oliver C. Phelps, major. Brainard Carrier, adjutant. Shubael Bartlett, chaplain. Alexander Wells, quarter-master. Jabez T. Taylor, pay-master. John W. Hanchet, surgeon, Eliel D. Smith, surgeon's-mate.

1st Company
Roger Phelps, capt.
Mack C. Webster, 1st lt.
Warren Marshall, 2d lt.
Horace Goodwin, Cornet

2d Company
Austin Phelps, capt.
Asaph Fuller, 1st lieut.
Joseph Pinney, 2d lieut.
Erastus Graham, Cornet

3d Company
Epaph. L. Phelps, capt.
John Collins, 1st lieut.
Samuel Belcher, 2d lieut.
Aaron Nash, cornet

4th Company
Oliver Holt, capt.
Henry Cogswell, 2d, 1st lt.
Charles Hatch, 2d lieut.
John T. Colburn, cornet

5th Company
Nathan Pease, jr. capt.
Timothy Abbey, 1st lt.
Bela Bemont, 2d lt.
William G. Moran, cor't

SEVENTH BRIGADE.
Levi Lusk, esq. Brigadier-General
George Plummer, Brigade Major and Inspector
Seth T. North, Brigade Quarter-master

6th REGT. Martin Kellogg, jun. esq. lieut. com'dt
Joseph Stillman, 1st maj. James Sellew, 2d maj.
Reuben North, adj. Howell Woodbridge, quarter master. Vacant, chaplain. Horace Latimer, paymaster. Daniel Fuller, surgeon. Samuel Woodward, surgeon's-mate.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
John Palmer	Wm. Willard	Simeon Churchill
Jesse Goodrich	Thomas Mygatt	Eli Stoddard
Benjamin Hall, jr.	Israel Goodrich	Amos H. Treat
Edm. Bulkeley	Austin Robbins	Wm. Robbins
Joseph Camp	Wm. Deming	Simeon Stoddard
Jared Strickland	Walter Hale	George Covel
Noah Tryon	Ch. Strickland	James Alger
Benj. Wilcox	Joseph Galpin	Wm. Hollister

15th REGT. Elijah Manross, lieut. col. com'dt.
George Cowles, 1st maj. Gad Frisbie, 2d maj.

Samuel Steele, adj't. Noah Porter, chaplain. Richard Bawn, quarter-master. Thomas Gleason, paymaster. Titus Merriman, surgeon. Asahel Yale, surgeon's-mate.

Matross Company. — Thomas Botsford, captain. Philo Ives, 1st lieut. Daniel Woodruff, 2d lieut.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Grenadier Company	
Timothy Cowles	Chauncey Sweet	Mark Thompson
	Light Infantry	
Jervis Root	Samuel Barnes	Philo Barnes
Romanta Porter	Romeo Welton	Alfred Cowles
Jabez Langdon	Nathan Williams	Timo. Botsford
Ezekiel Andruss	Seth T. North	Joseph Shipman
John S. Mitchell	Isaac Norton	Samuel Dutton
Ephraim Roper	Stephen Wakeley	Martin Smith
Dan Deming	Thomas Calder	T. L. Thompson
Joel Barnes	Wm. Marks	Elizur Dudley
Ab. Pettibone, jr.	Giles Griswold	Norman Nearing

23d REGT. Enoch Huntington, lt. col. com'dt.
Daniel White, 1st major. Josiah Sage, 2d do.

Chauncey Whittlesey, adjutant. Samuel Cooper, paymaster. Ebenezer W. Sage, quarter-master. Dan Huntington, chaplain. John Richmond, surgeon. Joseph F. Gilbert, surgeon's mate.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry	
Nathan Wilcox	Thomas Sill	Daniel Doud
Jeremiah Taylor	Charles Churchill	Seth Branch
Charles Brewer	Josiah Wetmore	Elizur Barnes
Isaac Webber	Amasa Savage	Joseph Williams

Aaron C. Sears	Jacob Roberts	Josiah M. Hubbard
Joel Bartlett	Jesse Hall	John Wilcox
Stephen Stocking	Thomas Selden	Simon Selden
Seth Birdseye	Lathrop Lee	Bela Coe
Nat. Markham, jr.	Enos Johnson	Olmsted Gates
Asaph Abbey	David Chittenden	Daniel Smith
John Bacon, jr.	Nath'l Boardman	Lemuel White

24th REGT. Jonah Gales, lieut. col. comman'dt.
Joshua Bulkeley, 2d. 1st maj. Jona. Beckwith, 2d do.
Samuel Kellogg, 2d. adjutant. William Lyman, chaplain. Abraham Shepard, quarter-master. Epaphroditus Champion, jun. pay-master. Jesse Bigelow, surgeon, Vacant surgeon's mate.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Samuel Crowel	Jos. O. Ackley	Joseph Brainerd
Newhall Taintor	Elkanah Williams	Erastus Chester
William Palmer	Phin. Gates, jun.	Caleb Gates, jun.
Daniel Carrier	Elisha Brown	Erastus Carrier
Ira Randall	Avery Morgan	Andrew Billings
Manley Beebe	Thomas Swan	Israel Cone, jr.
Baruch Beckwith	Sam'l B. Griffin	Wells Anderson
Elisha Morgan	Harris Rogers	Mark Dodge.

7th Regiment Cavalry.

David Deming, esq. lieut. col. commandant.
Martin Cowles, esq. major. Edbert Cowles, adjutant Joshua L. Williams, chaplain. Abner Bidwell, quarter-master. James Cowles, pay-master. Elijah Flowers, surgeon. Horace Southmayd, surgeon's-mate.

*2d Troop**
Elisha Kirby, captain
Asa Boardman, 1st lieut.
Alpheus Shumway, 2d do.
Daniel Bacon, cornet

3d Troop
Levi Barnes, captain
Urban Barrett, 1st lieut.
Philemon Woodruff, 2d. do.
Phinehas Pardee, cornet

4th Troop
Vacant, captain
Ozim Woodruff, 1st lieut.
Chauncey Hooker, 2d do.
Timothy H. Root, cornet

5th Troop
Reuben Dunham, captain
David Hubbard, 1st lieut.
Erastus Sage, 2d do.
Richard Wilcox, cornet

6th Troop
David Buell, captain
Eleazer Veasey, 1st lieut.
Chauncey Clarke, 2d do.
Selden Cooke, cornet

**The 1st Troop belongs to the State Corps.*

SECOND DIVISION.
Consisting of the 2d and 4th Brigades
John Hubbard, esq. Major-General.
Maj. Chauncey Hunce, } *Aids-de-Camp*
Maj. Ebenezer Huggins, }

SECOND BRIGADE.
Hezekiah Howe, esq. Brigadier-General
John H. Lynde, Brigade-Major and Inspector
Wedworth Wadsworth, brigade quarter-master

2d REGT. Elisha Hull, esq. lieut. col. comm'ndt.
Beriah Bradley, 1st major. John Beach, 2d do.
Stephen Huggins, adjutant. David Austin, chaplain. Harvey Sanford, quarter-master. Leverit Hubbard, paymaster. Eli Ives, surgeon. Timothy P. Beers, surgeon's-mate.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Zebul Bradley,	Samuel Willmot	Norman Dexter
Elisha Punderson	Eli Gilbert	Sheldon Swift
Amos Morris j'r	James Thompson	James Wedmore
Philemon Smith	Enos Smith	Thaddeus Clark
Vacant	Jesse Brocket	Pierpont Brocket
Leonard Ives	Timo. Andrews	Eliada Tuttle
Ambrose Tuttle	Leverit Tuttle	Amos Goodyear
Jacob Whiting	Lyman Ford	Major Goodsell

7th REGT. John Brainard 2d. lieut. col. comm'dt.

Joseph Shipman, 1st major. Obediah Platts, 2d do.

Samuel Hart j'r, adjutant. Aaron Hovey, chaplain. Amaziah Bray, quarter-master. Linus Parmelee, pay-master. Samuel Carter, surgeon. Ezra S. Mather, surgeon's mate.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
William Clark	Timothy Pratt jr.	Benjamin Dowd
Gideon Higgins	Aaron Brainerd	Thomas Shailer
Benjamin Hurd	George Buell	Nath'l Redfield
Jabez Southworth	John Bull j'r	Barnabus Bates
Ansil Hill	Austin Willcox	Aaron Bushnell
James Walkley	Amos Smith	Michael M'Nary
Moses Willcox	Aaron Willcox	Jeremiah Hull
Zachariah Clark	Eleazer Clark	John Buckingham
Ab'm Hubbard	Sylves'r Brainerd	Job Hubbard j'r
Vacant	Lorenzo Smith	William A. Hall

10th REGT. Solomon R. Hall, esq. lt. col. com'dt.

Reuben W. Royce, 1st major. William Marks, 2d do. Turhand K. Cook, adjutant. James Noyes, chaplain. John Barker, quarter-master. Lyverus Carrington, pay-master. ——— ———, Surgeon. Lyman Parker, surgeon's-mate.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry	
Samuel Peck	Ethelb'rt Benham	Joel Peck
Caleb Thompson	Caleb Cook j'r	Asaph Hall
Butler Ives	Ira Andrews	William Todd
Jesse Smith	Charles Robinson	Ichabod Camp
Thaddeus Street	Phinehas T. Ives	Thos. D. Moss
Ozias Camp	Jesse Atwell	Jesse C. Hull
Roswell Cowles	Lyman Collins	Samuel Yale
Abraham Barns	Benjamin Platt	Ransom Tuttle

27th REGT. Abel Rossiter, lieut. col. command't.

Benj. Baldwin, 1st maj. Jere. Parmelee, 2d major. Augur Wildman, adjutant. Timothy P. Gillet, chaplain. Theophilus Scranton j'r quarter-master. Nathan Bushnell, pay-master. Anson Foot, surgeon, ———— ————, surgeon's-mate.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry	
J'n B. Chittenden	William Hart	Joel Parmele j'r
Amos Fowler	Samuel Burgiss	George Griswold
Joel Ives	Chandler Barker	Wm. R. Johnson
Sam'l H. Stone	Benj. Bradley	David Parmelee
Eben'r Judd	Curtis Willcox	Julius Doud
Augustus Russel	Samuel Harrison	Alfred Rose
David Chittenden	Gideon Stow	Joseph Chidsey
John Foote	Malichi Cook	Dennis Talmage
Theodore Hopson	Josiah Coan	Ichabod Stevens

32d REGT. Ira Smith, esq lieut. col. command't.

William Fenn, 1st major. Barnabus Woodcock, 2d major. Truman Coe, adjutant. Caleb Pitkin, chaplain. John Davis, quarter-master. Daniel Baldwin, pay-master. Liberty Kimberly, surgeon. John Carrington, surgeon's mate.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Grenadiers.	
Joseph Platt	Michael Peck	Nathaniel Smith
Phinehas Peck	Timothy Ball j'r	Arch'd A. Perkins
Nehemiah Clark	Daniel Clark	Luke Clark
David Jackson	Isaac Thompson	Lewis Reemer
Stephen B. Ford	Andrew Beard j'r	Samuel Burns
Isaac Beach	John Darling	Thos. S. Bevings
Gideon Riggs	Anson Davis	Sheldon Clark
Mitchel Peck	Nathan Nettleton	Allen Thomas
David Lum	John Lum	Asa Basset
Wm. Humphreys	John W. Wooster	John White j'r

2d Regiment Cavalry.

Seth P. Staples, lieut. col. commandant.

Oliver Clark, major. George Hoadley, adjutant. Samuel Merwin, chaplain. Isaac Benton, quarter-master. David L. Baldwin, pay-master. Jonathan Knight, surgeon. James Gilbert, surgeon's-mate.

1st Troop

Thaddeus Harrison, capt.
Lyman Atwater, 1st. lieut.
Elias Cooper, 2d do.
Medad Atwater, cornet

2d Troop

Lewis Clark, captain
James Brainard, 1st lieut.
Edmond Bushnell, 2d do.
Eben Walkley, cornet

3d Troop

Chauncey Hall, captain
Billious Cook, 1st lieut.
Charles A. Stanley, 2d do.
Hiel Hall, cornet

4th Troop

Icha. A. Woodruff, capt.
Jonas F. Merwin, 1st lieut.
Jonathan Andrew, 2d do.
David R. Baldwin, cornet

Battalion of Artillery annexed to the 2d Brigade.

Charles Sherman, esq. major. Joseph A. Bishop, captain. Lewis Hotchkiss, 1st lieut. Raphael Dickinson, 2d lieut. Philos Blake, 3d lieutenant.

FOURTH BRIGADE.

Enoch Foote, esq. Brigadier General.
Henry May, Brigade Major and Inspector.
Benjamin S. Smith, Brigade Quarter-Master.

4th REGT. Gershom Burr, lieut. col. command't.

John Meeker, 1st major. Gurdon Bartram, 2d maj. Thomas Sturges, adjutant. Heman Humphrey, chaplain. Edward Avery, quarter-master. Thaddeus W. Bennet, pay-master. William B. Nash, surgeon. Uriah Parrock, surgeon's mate. Burrit Bradley, quarter-master sergeant. Ezra Burr, sergeant maj. Samuel Beers, drum-major. Peter Silliman, fife-maj.

Matross Company.

Lewis Gorham, captain. Jeremiah Burton, 1st lt.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Joseph Sturges	Robert Knap	Step'n Morehouse
Walter Sherwood	Jonathan Lewis	Azor Osborne
Isaac Bennet	John W. Hanford	Burr Meeker
A. D. Baldwin	Daniel Gould	Peter Winter
Benj. W. Darling	Elias Persons	Sturges Cole
David B. Godfrey	Silliman Godfrey	Albert Lockwood
Oliver C. Sanford	Joseph L. Darling	Moses Banks
Walter Whitlock	John B. Merit	Hiram Couch
Benj. Beardslee j'r	Cyrus Silliman	Samuel Lyon

9th REGT. Samuel Dean, esq. lieut col comm'dt.

Ebenezer Mead, 1st major. Joseph Lockwood, 2d major. Nathan H. Reed, adjutant. Amzi Lewis, chaplain. Abishai Scofield, quarter-master. Wm. Keeler, pay-master. Samuel Webb, surgeon. John Auger, surgeon's-mate. Henry Close, sergeant-maj. Samuel Smith, quarter-master sergeant. Elias Peck, fife-major. ———— ————, drum -major.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry	
William Smith	Daniel Lockwood	Silas Scofield
Gideon Holmes	Isaac Peck	Vacant
Rufus Waterbury	Seth P. Quintard	Asahel Johnson
Alex'r Hendric	Stephen Ferris	John Ferris
Bates Hoyt	Peter Smith	David Hoyt
David Hobbs	Vacant	Vacant
Monm'th Wilson	William Leonard	Theo's Brundage
Edward Brush	Alex'r Ingersoll	William Husted
Seth Mead	Drake Husted	Vacant
Elijah Weed	Philo Weed	Horatio Weed

28th REGT. Philo Lewis, esq. lieut. col. commd't. James Beardsly, 1st major. Daniel Burritt, 2d maj. Ashbel Baldwin, chaplain. Caleb Beach, quarter-master. Charles B. Hubbell, pay-master. William I. Shelton, surgeon. John A. Tomlinson, surgeon's-mate.

Matross Company.

Philip Walker, captain. William Warden, 1st lieutenant. Anson Sherman, 2d lieut.

Captains	*Lieutenants.*	*Ensigns*
Joseph S. Porter	David B. Brooks	William Cannon
Nath'n Sherwood	Mather Curtis	Israel Blackman
Elijah Booth	Judson Peck j'r	Stiles Judson, j'r
William Edwards	Eben'r Wheeler	Ephraim Curtis
Eli L. Hawley	William Clark	William Richards
Lewis Fairchild	Robert Mallet	Elihu Beach
Eli Lacy	Hervey Summers	I. A. Beardslee

34th REGT. Nehemiah Lockwood, lieut. col. comd't William Belden, 1st maj. Charles Hanford, 2d maj. Jared Ayres, adjutant. Sylvanus Hoyt, chaplain. Daniel Richards, quarter-master. Fitch Hanford, pay-master. Samuel S. Noyes, surgeon. Samuel Betts, sergeant-major.

Matross Company. — Adam Swan, capt. ——— ——— 1st lt. Joseph Keeler, 2d lieut.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Grenadiers	
John Watrous	Samuel Smith	Samuel Kellogg
Ezra Benedict	Hezekiah St. John	David Lockwood
William I. Street	Lemuel Glover	Eli B. Bennet
S. B. Grummon	Philip Northrop	Thaddeus Scott
Joseph Bouton	Asa Benedict	Wray Sellock
William Dudley	Charles Knapp	Ira Betts
Cary Weed	Noah Weed	Holley Seymour
Elijah Reed	James Clock	Ralph Hoyt
Jabez Adams	Samuel Gorham	Daniel Murry, j'r
Isaac Abbot	Samuel Beers	

Fourth Regiment of Cavalry.

Abel Hall, lieut. col. commandant

James Winton, major. Moss K. Botsford, adjutant. Henry Sherman, chaplain. Abijah Wordin, quarter-master. Ambrose Thompson, pay-master, Joseph Odle, surgeon. Peter C. Oakley, surgeon's-mate.

1st Company

Silas C. Beardsley, capt.
Cyrus Lewis, 1st lieut.
Joseph Wheeler, 2d lieut.
Philo Beardsley, cornet

2d Company

Aaron Bouton, capt.
Gar. H. Newkirk, 1st lt.
John Hoyt, 2d lieut.
Rufus Bell, cornet

3d Company

Joseph W. Gorham, capt.
David Sherwood, j'r 1st lt.
James M. Turnney, 2d lt.
Jessy Lacy, cornet

4th Company

John Brown, capt.
Wm. S. Quintard, 1st lt.
Nathan Peck, 2d. lieut.

THIRD DIVISION.

Consisting of the 3d and 5th Brigades

William Williams, esq. Major-General

Major Francis Richards }
Major Thomas W. Williams } *Aide-de-Camp*

THIRD BRIGADE.

Jirah Isham, Brigadier-General
George L. Perkins, brigade major and inspector
Henry Wheat, brigade quarter-master

3d REGT. William Moore, 4th lieut. col. com'dt. Increase Wilson, 1st maj. Tho. W. Williams, 2d do.

Martin Lee, adjutant. Charles Seabury, chaplain. Jonathan Starr, jun. quarter-master. Robert Coit, pay-master. Dyer T. Brainard, surgeon. Nathaniel S. Perkins, surgeon's-mate. Benjamin Brown, sergeant-major. Gurdon Kimball, quarter-master sergeant.

Matross Company.

John French, captain. Henry Dennis, 1st lieutenant. Daniel Whittemore, 2d lieutenant.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry.	
Wm. Stockman	James Peters	George Robertson
Henry Smith	Tho. S. Badet	Jacob Stockman
Enos West	Orlando Raymond	Guy Dolbear
Asa Wightman	Jeremy Fox	Solomon Rogers
Amos Crocker	Elihu White	Jere. Chappell
Lem. G. Crocker	Elisha Beckwith	Philip A. Cavarly
John Congdon	Isaac Turner	Samuel Comstock
Samuel Green	Harris Rogers	Guy Wheeler, jr.

8th REGT. William Belcher, lieut. col. com'ndt Elisha Avery, 1st. maj. Daniel Morgan, jun. 2d do.

William Tucker, jun. adjutant. Horatio Waldo, chaplain. James L. Lester, quarter-master, John O. Miner, pay-master. Eleazer R. Downing, surgeon. Lucius Tyler, surgeon's -mate. Vacant, sergeant major. Elisha R. Brewster, quarter-master sergeant.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Crary Morgan	Wm. Palmer	Le. Starkweather
Noyes Barber	John Barber	David Avery
Amos Morgan	Elisha J. Stoddard	Cyrus Allyn
Joseph Lester	Charles Cook	Ralph Hutchinson
John Avery, jun.	James Averill, jr.	Eph. Tucker,
Jonathan Wheeler	Abel H. Fish	Jesse A. Starr
Stephen Billings	Jacob Gallup	Isaac Gallup
Anson Avery	Hebbard Stoddard	Tho. Bellows

20th REGT. Freeman Tracy, lieut. col. com'ndt. James Gordon, 1st major. Stephen B. Allen, 2d do.

Russel Hubbard, adjutant. Levi Nelson, chaplain. Thomas Willson, quarter-master. Jacob W. Kinney, pay-master. Reuben Burgess, surgeon. Richard P. Tracy, surgeon's-mate. Vacant, sergeant-maj. Vacant quarter-master sergeant.

Matross Company

Charles Thomas, captain. John Lathrop, lieutenant. Henry Trumbull, 2d lieutenant.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensign*
	Light Infantry	
Augustus Lathrop	John Yeomans, jr.	Timothy Morse
	Grenadiers	
Charles French	Samuel Story	Martin Bushnell
Joshua Maples	John Ellis	Jacob Lillie
Daniel Gager, jr.	Sim. B. Hyde	Uri Hartshorn
Bishop Burnham	Solomon Lathrop	Martin Warren
Paul Harvey	Eph. Benjamins	Levi Geddins
Elijah Abell	Levy Harvey	Guy Hough
Alvin Abell	Ambrose Peck	Samuel C. Ladd
Luther Edgerton	Erastus Coit	Thomas Gavit
Charles Perkins	Spencer Lyon	Jed. Lovett

30th REGT. William Randall, lieut. col. com'dnt. Mat. Wheeler, 1st maj. Nathan Pendleton, 2d do.

Cyrus Williams, adjutant. Ira Hart, chaplain. Latham Hull, quarter-master. Giles R. Hallam, pay-master. William Lord, surgeon. John Billings, surgeons-mate. Henry Chesebro, sergeant-major. John P. Williams, quarter-master sergeant.

No Artillery attached to this Regiment.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Denison Noyes	Thomas Lewis	Reuben Palmer
Asa Swan	Samuel Prentice	Geo. W. Baldwin
Jesse Breed	William Frink	Dudley Brown
Lathrop Williams	John W. Hull	Elias Smith
Randall Brown	Phinehas Wheeler	John Hyde
Lewis Kinyon	David Main 2d	Charles Grant
Daniel Miner	Amos Holmes	Phineas Wheeler
William Potter	Horatio G. Lewis	Daniel Frink

33d REGT. Asa Comstock, lieut. col. comman'dt.

Marsh Ely, 1st major. Jedidiah Beebe, 2d maj.

Samuel S. Warner, adjutant. Lathrop Rockwell, chaplain. Horace Ely, quarter-master. Thomas Griswold, pay-master. John L. Smith, surgeon. Vacant, surgeon's-mate; Vacant, sergeant-major; Vacant, quarter-master sergeant.

Matross Company.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Wm. M. Smith	Stephen Lay	Abraham Clark
Peter Lord	Jonathan Hall	William Lord
Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Sam'l C. Selden	Sam'l S. Warner	Nathan Lord
Lynde Reed	Joseph Deshon	Joshua Chappell
Calvin Comstock	Ozias Holmes	Israel S. Comstock
Sylvanus Smith jr.	Sylv. Champion	John Anderson

3d Regiment Cavalry

William Williams, jun. lieut. col commandant

Jared Baker, major. Henry F. Lamb, adjutant. Abel Mc-

Ewen, chaplain. Elias Brown, quarter master. Erastus F. Smith, pay-master. Richard Noyes, surgeon. Matthew Griswold, surgeon's-mate. John Peck, sergeant major. Charles Wheeler, quarter-master-sergeant.

1st Company

Samuel Gager, captain
Russell Rose, 1st lieut.
William Gager, 2d do.
Elihu Brewster, cornet

2d Company

Nicholas Chester, captain
Thomas Allyn, 1st lieut.
Elisha Avery, 2d do.
Jesse Gallup, cornet

3d Company

Vacant
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

4th Company

Stephen L. Avery, captain
Amos Williams, 1st lieut.
Russell Hall, 2d do.
Oliver Swan, cornet

FIFTH BRIGADE.

David Holmes, esq. Brigadier General
John Fitch, brigade major and inspector
Andrew T. Judson, brigade quarter-master

5th REGT. John Salter, lieut. col. comm'dt
Jason Woodard, 1st maj. David Young, 2d maj. Roger Southworth, adjutant. Moses C. Welch, chaplain. Edmund Howe, quarter-master. John Turner, pay-master. Christopher S. Avery, surgeon. William A. Brewster, surgeon's-mate

Matross Company. — Gurdon Hebard, capt. Guy C. Hebard, 1st lieut. David Gager, 2d lieut.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Grenadier Company.	
Asahel Hammond	Thomas Grow	Harvey Fuller
	Light Infantry	
Daniel F. Hebard	John Farewell	Alpheus Royce

Charles Palmer	Dan Lincoln	Jona. Chester
George Swift	Elias Robinson	John Trumbull
Jona. Kingsley, j'r	Ralph Carey	David L. Fuller
Horatio Woodard	David Read	Amos Bugbee
John Holt	Thomas Utley, j'r	Urial Hammond
Elisha Brigham	Ebenezer Root	Tho's Freeman
Amos Chaffee	Alfred Clarke	Dyer Carpenter
Benj. Chapman	Asahel Kimball	Daniel Whiting

11th REGT. Zepheniah Williams, lieut. col. com'dt
Jonathan May, 1st maj. Jacob Lyon, 2d maj.

William Hynn, adjutant. Roswell Wetmore, chaplain. Samuel H. Lyon, quarter-master. Ebenezer Young, pay-Master. James Webb, surgeon. Samuel C. Williams, surgeon's-mate

Matross Company. — Noah Sabin, capt.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Grenadier Company.	
Samuel Dresser	Nehe. Jackson, j'r	S. S. Parkurst
	Light Infantry	
P. Whitemore	Stephen Holmes	Eleazer Kieth
David Brayton	Webb Cutler	Job Williams
	Wm. Lyon, 3d	George Bowen
Eben'r Kelley	Parker Carpenter	E. M. Spalding
Solomon Sikes	Calvin Day	Daniel Chase
John Chandler	Benj'n Bradford	Isaac Hibbard
Alpheus Corbin	Rufus Corbin	Aaron Elliott
Elijah Griggs	P. Cunningham j'r	Warren Ingals
John Joslin	John Bates, j'r	Samuel Dike
Hadlock Perrin	Solomon Corbin	John Mason

12th REGT. — Cornelius Shepard, lieut. col. com'dt.

John Thomas, 1st maj. Samuel West, 2d maj. Zabdiel Hyde, jr. adj. Wm. B. Ripley, chaplain. Abner Hendee, qr.-master. George Williams, pay-master. John S. Peters, surgeon, John Payne, surgeon's-mate.

Matross Company. — Alvin Lyman, captain. Erastus Holt, 1st lieutenant. Eph. Wilcox, 2d lieut.

Grenadier Company. — Asahel Kingsley, captain. Oliver Kingsley, lieutenant. Isaiah Loomis, ensign

Light Infantry. — James Clark, captain. Oliver Pettis, lieutenant. John Johnson, ensign

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Reuben Mann	Pierce Darrow	Levi Collins
Vacant	Ira Holbrook	Benj. Lyman
Erastus Wattles	Brewster Lee	John Giles
John Curtis	Orimal Bigelow	Mosely Talcott
John Townsend	Eliphalet Hendee, jr	Wm. Reed
Edward S Ellis	Samuel Talcott	Oliver Wilcox
Anson Gillet	David T. Carver	Thad's Porter
Charles Abel	Wm. C. Mills	Tim. Williams

21st REGT. Daniel Wheeler, lieut. col com'dt.

George W. Gordon, 1st maj. George Middleton, 2d maj. William Kinne, adj. Erastus Learned, chaplain. Allen Harris, qr.-master. Isaac Knight, pay-master. Jared Fuller, surgeon. Eleazer B. Downing, surgeon's-mate

Matross Company. — James Wilson, captain.

Light Infantry. — James Aspenwall, captain. Samuel L Hough, lieutenant. Amos Bacon, ensign.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Arch'd Tuckerman	Job Munroe	Asa Gallup
Joseph Scarborough	John Searls	Lovel Cady
Asa Dow	Elisha P Phillips	Geo. Crary
Calvin Hubbard	Jn. H Wheeler	Job Shepard
Wm. Hebbard, jr	Thos. Kingsley	Ira Adams
John Cole	Joseph Hill	Fred Cole
Jonathan Stanton	Daniel Stanton	Caleb Potter
Simon Hutchins	John Eaton, 2d	Aaron Rude

5th Regiment Cavalry.

Stephen F. Palmer, lieut. col. commandant

Eleazer Sweetland, major. Thomas M. Grosvenor adjutant. Samuel P. Williams, chaplain. Isaac Hoxie, quartermaster. Abel Gay, pay-master. — Amasa Carrol, surgeon. Nathaniel Howes, surgeon's-mate.

1st Company

Washington Swift, capt.
Danford Keyes, 1st lieut.
Alva Burnham, 2d lieut.
Rufus Burnham, cornet

2d Company

Bela P. Spalding, capt.
Comfort S. Hyde, 1st lt.
Samuel Baldwin, 2d lieut.
Festas Baldwin, cornet

3d Company

Roger Bailey, capt.
Andrew Wells, 1st lieut;
Mason Fitch, 2d lieut.
Leverett Bissell, cornet

4th Company

Charles Smith, capt.
Darius Matthewson, 1st lt.
Judah Lyon, 2d lieut.
George Potter, cornet

FOURTH DIVISION

Consisting of the 5th and 8th Brigades
Augustine Taylor, esq. Major General
William A. Taylor }
William C. Sterling. } *Aids-de-Camp*

SIXTH BRIGADE.

David Thompson, esq. Brigadier General
Lucius Smith, esq. Brigade Major and Inspector.
Edward Burrell, Brigade Quarter-Master

14th REGT. Elisha Sterling, lieut. col. comman'dt.

Ros'l Humphreys, 1st maj. Jesse Smith, 2d maj.

Newman Holley, adjutant. Pitkin Cowles, chaplain. Josiah Pettibone, quarter-master. Reuben Hunt, pay-master. Ovid Hunt, surgeon. Vacant, surgeon's-mate. Henry Olmsted, sergeant-major. Ezra Jewell, quarter-master-sergeant.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
	Light Infantry.	
John A. Dutcher	John Fellows	Ira Hall
David Landon	John C. Coffing	Aaron Crane
John Rockwell	Salmon Pease	Asahel North
Eliph. Whittlesey	James Griswold	Abijah Chapin
Robert Holcomb	R. Dutcher	Henry Post
James Sheldon	James Bird	Jared S. Harrison
Edmund Brown	Levi Grant	Reuben Brown
Bushnel Knapp	Augustus Phelps	Isaac Spalding
Amos Hunt	Arunah Deming	John Lane
John Ensign, j'r	Isaac Green	Walter Johnson
Benj. Bigelow	Joseph Battle	Amasa Cowles

17th REGT. Aaron Smith, lieut. col. comm'dt. Russell C. Abernathy, 1st maj. Morris Woodruff 2d maj. F. A. Tallmadge, adjutant. Joseph E. Camp, chaplain. Briant Stoddard, quartermaster. Leming Bradley, pay-master. Samuel Buel, surgeon. Vacant surgeon's-mate.

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Charles Deming	Ambrose Norton	Vacant
Wm Beebee	Stephen Russell	Levi Huyt
Miles Norton	Charles Buel	David Buel
Abijah Webster	Jeremiah Holt	Benoni Johnson
Elisha Loomis	Warren Loomis	Jed. Eggleston
Jn. T. Mansfield	Wm Hull	H'y Whittelsey
Zimri Skinner	Marvin Griswold	Champion Scovil
Uriel Tuttle	Chester Loomis	Luther Cook
Daniel Hall	John Griswold	Wm. Gabriel
James Gilbert	Reuben Smith	Eli Curtiss

25th REGT. Leonard Hurlbut, lieut col com'dt.

Nathaniel Hayden, 1st maj. Jasper Bidwell, 2d maj. Moses Hayden, adj. James Beach, chaplain. Lemuel Hurlbut, qr.-master. Wm. Williams, pay-master. Amos Beecher, surgeon. Lyman Wakefield, surgeon's-mate.

Grenadier Company. — Wm. Goodwyn, captain; Joel Hitchcock, lieutenant; Harry Cowles, ensign

Light Infantry. — Eli Ransom, captain; Luther Phelps, lieutenant; Henry Porter, ensign

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
John Spencer	Ira Benham	Elizur Curtiss
Joel Minor	Dewitt Clark	Jacob Graham
Stephen Wheadon	Asahel Smith	Chauncey White
Gideon Mills, jr	Eben'r Woodruff	Seth Barber
Is'l Williams, jr.	Anson Williams	Geo. C. Gilman
Samuel Austin	Vacant	Vacant
Elizur Hinsdale	Josiah Smith, jr	Elisha Smith
Robert Wilcox	George Adams	James Merritt

35th REGT. — John Dickinson, lieut col com'dt.

David Gould, 1st maj. George King, jr. 2d maj. Rufus Baldwin, adj. Daniel Parker, chaplain. Guy Waddams, qr.-master. Henry Canfield, pay-master. Samuel Gager, surgeon. Vacant, surgeon's-mate

Matross Company. — Silas St. John 2d, captain; Horatio Smith, lieutenant; Asahel Hollister, ensign

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
John H Pierce	Josiah Hopkins	Judah Lewis
Zacariah Spencer	Augustus Miles	Vacant
Sheron Beach	Jonathan North	Philo Smith
Chesterfield King	Rufus Wright	Stephen Heth
Eben. Backus	Theron S Ludington	E. Humphrey
Orin Pardee	Calvin Jackson	Silas A Gray
Russel St. John	Joseph Miles	Erastus Lord
Joel Wright	Reuben Wilcox	Luman Scily
Reuben Wilcox	Lyman Seely	Joel Catlin

Sixth Regiment Cavalry.

Thaddeus Griswold, lieut col com'dt.

Abraham Burt, 1st maj. Vacant, 2d maj. Elijah Gaylord, adj. Frederick Marshal, chaplain. Stephen Clarke, quartermaster. Horace Gillet, pay-master. Joshua Cornwall, surgeon. Vacant, surgeon's-mate.

1st comp. — Theodore Ensign, captain; Abraham King, 1st lt. Isaac Bartlett, 2d do. Eber Yale, cornet.

2d comp. — Samuel Foot, captain; John Gillet, jr, 1st lieutenant; Oliver Allyn, 2d do; Elihu Moor, cornet

3d comp. — James Shepherd, captain; Hosea Hinsdale, 1st lieutenant; Bemsley Carpenter, 2d lieutenant; Joel Sage, cornet

4th comp. — Samuel Bradley, captain; Ephraim H. Moss, 1st lieutenant; Daniel Huntington, 2d do. Phineas Lord, cornet

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EIGHTH BRIGADE.

Garrit Smith, esq. brigadier-general
Vacant, brigade-major and inspector
David Leavitt, brigade quarter-master

13th REGT. — David Bird, lieut col com'dt.

William French, 1st major; Abijah S Hatch, 2d major; Nathaniel Tuttle, adjutant; Rev Royal Tyler, chaplain; Benjamin R Osborn, quarter-master; Sheldon C Leavitt, paymaster; Conant Catlin, surg.

Light Infantry. — 1st — Cyrenus Mallery, captain; Thomas Hurd, lieutenant; Hunting Beardsley, ensign

2d — Chauncey Craft, captain; Judson Blackman, lieutenant; John Brush, ensign

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Nathaniel Preston	Asahel Mitchel, 2d	Nath'l Minor
Japhet Curtis	Ahin Burr	Aaron Hicok
Seymour Knapt	Adam C Kasson	Benj. S Lake
Lyman Painter	Squire Hurlbut	Eli M Smith

Amial Pearce	Gamaliel Ben	Cyrus Mitchel
Wm Kasson	Abner Strong	Amos Stilson
Clark Beardslee	Gilbert Twichel	Theod. Smith

16th REGT. — Vacant, lieut col com'dt.

Noah S. Barnham, 1st major; Elias Starr, 2d maj. Daniel Holly, adjutant; Daniel Burhans, chaplain. Russel Hoyt, quarter-master; Marcus Botsford, pay-master. Alfred H. Betts, surgeon

Matross company. — Robert Gregory, captain; Fairchild Ambler, 1st lieutenant

Light Infantry. — Arnold Foot, captain; Isaac Scudder, 1st lieutenant

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Samuel Husted	Oliver Burr	Henry Taylor
Gold Curtis, jr	Nath'l Nichols	John Glover
Daniel Hamilton	Zadock Bedient	Eli Green
Austin Booth	Charles Parks	Jon'n. Fairchild
Elias Stevens	Wm B Hubbell	T W Sherwood
Timothy Weed	Solomon Enos	
John L Andrews	And'w Barnham	Eli Benedict, jr.
Charles Jones	Ormond Lobdell	Ezra Osborn
Ezra Gilbert		Sueton Shepard

26th REGT. — Daniel Mills, lieut col com'dt

Lemuel Porter, 1st major; Cyrus Clark, 2d major; John Buckingham, adjutant; Rev Russell Wheeler, chaplain; Orlando Porter, quarter-master; Aner Bradley, jr. pay-master; Anson Tuttle, surgeon

Light Infantry — 1st. — James Brown, captain; Gideon Platt, jr lieutenant; Samuel Root, ensign

2d. — Allen Bunnel, captain; Benj. Fenn, lieutenant; Sedley Woodward, ensign

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Vacant	Silas Grelly	Ansel Porter
James Tuttle	Samuel B Scovill	John Seymour
Lyman Baldwin	Samuel Camp	Eliel Mann
David Woodward	John O'Brien	Harry Stoddard
Gates Upson	Levi Hart	Arch'd Minor
Ira Hotchkiss	Levi Wooster	Arch'd Stephens
Luther Hotchkiss	Miles Hotchkiss	Elihu Moulthrope
Asa Fenn	Eben'r Abbott	Stephen Stone

29th REGT. — Timothy Mitchell, lieut col com'dt

Philo Mills, 1st major; Levi Hubbell, 2d major; John M. Ford, adjutant; Rev Samuel Whittelsey, chaplain; Angus Nicholson, quarter-master; Walter Booth, pay-master; Ebenezer Smith, surgeon; Israel Graves, surgeon's mate

Matross company. — Nathaniel Farrand, captain; Herman Hine, 1st lieutenant

Light Infantry. — Zechariah Winegar, captain; Elijah Skiff, lieutenant; Moses Skiff, ensign

Captains	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Ransom C Canfield	Nath'l Northrop	Justus Miles
Cushman Hubbell	Samuel Bordwell	Lewis Roots
Matthew Logan	Taylor Mitchel	Philo Clark
Ezra Noble	Wm. Mygatt	
Samuel Gillet	Dan Carter	Asa'l Wedge j'r
Noble Day	Birdseye Beardsley	Eben'r Evetts
Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Nathan'l Randall	Daniel A Treat	Blackman Jesup

Eighth Regiment Cavalry

Ebenezer D Starr, lieut col com'dt

Daniel B Brinsmade, major; Frederick Whiting, adjutant; Joseph B Belamy, quarter-master; Luther Smith, pay-master; Rev Andrew Elliott, chaplain; Warren B Fowler, surgeon; Jehiel Williams, S. M.

1st company.
Smith Downs, captain
Lem. Canfield, 1st lieut.
Rus'l Hickcox 2d do.
Ross Hinman, cornet

2d company.
Horace Cooke, captain
Darius Starr, 1st lieut.
Miles B Migatt, 2d lieut.
Sam'l Taylor, cornet

3d company.
Amos Benham, captain
Arch'd Mosher, 1st lieut
Drake Lockwood 2d do.
Henry S Killon, cornet

4th company.
Samuel Canfield, captain
Augustin Canfield, 1st lt.
Jonas Bryan 2d do.
Chester Bryan, cornet

STATE CORPS.

Nathaniel Terry, esq. Brigadier General Com'dt.
Asher A. Perkins, Brigade Major and Inspector.

INFANTRY

FIRST REGIMENT.

Timothy Shepard, esq. colonel
Lucius Smith, esq. lieutenant-colonel.
Martin Ellsworth, esq. } *Majors*
Seth Comstock, esq. }

1st Company
Elisha Whittlesey, capt.
James C. Cook, 1st lieut.
S. H. Moorhouse, 2d do.
James Warner, ensign
Rendezvous, Danbury

2d Company
Abijah B. Curtis, captain
Joseph Tousey, 1st lieut.
Charles G. Curtis, 2d do.
John Beers, ensign
Rendezvous, Newtown

3d Company
Amos Hunt, captain
John Adam, jr. 1st lieut.
Edward Hawley, 2d do.
Silas Beckley, ensign
Rendezvous, Canaan

4th Company
Samuel Waugh, captain
David Hall, 1st lieutenant
Samuel Buell 2d do
Oliver Goodwin, ensign
Rendezvous, Litchfield

5th Company
Samuel Strong, captain
Walter Thrall, 1st lieut
Edward Seldon, jr 2d do
Almanzer Denslow, ens'n
Rendezvous Windsor

6th Company
Moses Hayden, captain
Michael F Mills, 1st lieut
George McNary, 2d do
Erastus Merrills, ensign
Rendezvous, Winsted

7th Company
Simon Backus, captain
Wm H Jessup, 1st lieut
Samuel Jackson, 2d do
Wm Noyes, ensign
Rendezvous, Bridgeport

8th Company
John Buckingham, captain
Jo'ph H Bellamy, 1st lieut
Samuel Frisby, 2d do
Stephen Shelton, ensign
Rendezvous, Watertown

9th Company
Charles B King, captain
Roderick Lawrence, 1st lt
Nath'l Mather, 2d do
Azor Hatch, ensign
Rendezvous, Hartford

10th Company
Sam'l H Woodruff, capt
Edward Cowles, 1st lieut
Gustavus L Storrs, 2d do
Cyrus Stanley, ensign
Rendezvous, Farmington

SECOND REGIMENT

Elihu Sanford, esq colonel.
Vacant, lieut. col.
Elijah Smith, esq } Majors
Chauncey Whittelsey, esq } Majors

1st Company
Medad Hotchkiss, captain
John Darling 1st lieut
Joel Hotchkiss, jr 2d do
Samuel Peck, ensign
Rendezvous, Woodbridge

2d Company
Asa Copeland, captain
Eben'r Grosvenor, 1st lt
Jon'an Copeland, jr 2d do
Jer. Scarborough, ensign
Rendezvous, Pomfret

3d Company
George Middleton, capt.
Elkanah C Eaton, 1st lt
Jared Wilson, 2d do
Walter Palmer j'r, ensign
Rendezvous, Plainfield

4th Company
Guy Bigelow, captain
George Way, 1st lieut
Solomon B Judd, 2d do
Samuel H Fox, ensign
Rendezvous, Colchester

5th Company

Ab'm. I. Chittenden capt.
Ab'm. Rodgers, jr 1st lt
Wm Todd, 2d do
Simeon Collins, ensign
Rendezvous, Guilford

6th Company

John Butler, captain
Francis F Ives, 1st lieut
Benjamin Foot, 2d do
Elisha Allen, ensign
Rendezvous, Durham

7th Company

Francis A Perkins, capt
Elisha I Abel, 1st lieut
Jedediah Tracy, 2d lieut
Jos'h Huntington, jr ens'n
Rendezvous, Norwich

8th Company

Joseph Talcott, jr captain
Elijah Chapman, jr 1st lt
Vacant, 2d do
John Fisk, ensign
Rendezvous, Tolland

9th Company

Edw'd Wolcott, captain
Roswell H Grant, 1st lieut
Luther Parsons, 2d do
Austin Hall, ensign
Rendezvous, E. Windsor

10th Company

Enos H Buell, captain
David W Post, 1st lieut
Dennis Wetmore, 2d lieut
Manton Hammond, ens'n
Rendezvous, Marlborough

CAVALRY

David Deming, esq major. com'dt.

1st Company

Richard Lord, captain
Vacant, 1st lieutenant
Brainard Carrier, 2d do
Jared S Minor, cornet

2d Company

Wm Humphreys, captain
Joseph Clark, 1st lieut
Hezekiah Clark, 2d do
Sylvester Higgins, cornet

3d Company

Thomas Hubbard, capt
Wm Trowbridge, 1st lieut
Wm Cotton, 2d do
Ralph Hall, cornet

4th Company

Jared Scarborough, capt
Henry Hudson, 1st lieut
Shub'l F Griswold, 2d do
George Goodwin, cornet

ARTILLERY

William Stanley esq major commandant

1st Company

George W Jewett, capt
Wm C Bull, 1st lieut
Wm Bull, 2d do
Noah Walker, 3d do

2d Company

Amaziah Bray, captain
Linus Parmelee, jr 1st lt
Reuben Kelsey, 2d do
Ely A Elliott, 3d do

3d Company

Robert Gates, captain
John L Tomlinson, 1st lt
Lyman Smith, jr 2d do
Samuel Durand, 3d do

4th Company

Sereno Pettibone, captain
Decius Humphreys, 1st lt
John Barber, jr 2d do
Reuben Tuller, jr 3d do

CORPS OF VOLUNTEER EXEMPTS.

David Humphreys, Brigadier-General.

First Regiment.

Thomas Grosvenor, Colonel.
Eliphalet Holmes, Lieutenant-Colonel.
James Danielson, first Major
Elisha Buell, second Major.

Second Regiment.

Frederick Wolcott, Colonel.
Aner Bradley, Lieutenant-Colonel.
James Morris, first Major.
Daniel N. Brinsmade, second Major.

Third Regiment.

John Caldwell, Colonel.
Charles Jenks, Lieutenant Colonel
Lebius P. Tinker, first Major.
Henry Terry, second Major.

Fourth Regiment.

Aaron Austin, Colonel.
Isaac Cowles, lieutenant-colonel.
Jeremiah W. Phelps, 1st major.
Benjamin Gould, second major.

TOWNS	*Captains*	*Lieutenants*	*Ensigns*
Brooklyn	Jos. Scarborough	Benj. Pierce	John Parish
Watertown	Eleazer Judd	Thomas Cole	David Buckingham
Pomfret	Lemuel Ingalls	Tho's. Allen	Sylvanus Backus
Woodstock	Chester Childs	Moses Arnold	John Davis
Litchfield	Uriel Holmes	Asa Bacon j'r	James Mann
Harwinton	Elijah Gaylord	Dan'l S. Wilson	Wm. B. Abernethy
Killingly	Hubbard Torrey	Shubael Hubbins	Luther Warren
Sharon	Thomas St. John	Daniel St. John	Calvin Peck
Marlborough	Joel Foote	Joseph Carrier	Joshua Palmer
Bethlem	Jerm'h Lambert	Nathan Hawley	Samuel Bloss
Vernon	Phineas Talcott	Cornl's Roberts	Oliver Hunt
New Hartford	William Cook	Thomas Lee	Chauncey Seymour
Warren	Nath'l Swift	Eben'r Tanner	Homer Sackett
Norfolk	Eleazer Holt	Aug. Pettibone	Benjamin Welch
E. Windsor	Timothy Allen	Wm. Thompson	Joel Holkin
Litchfield	R. N. Whittlesey	Nath'l Goodwin	Enos Barns
Humphreysville	Joseph Riggs	Ashbel Stut	Dan'l Holbrook
Cornwall	Oliver Burnham	Reuben Fox	Noah Rogers
Middlebury	Timo. Higgins	Daniel Smith	John Bradley
Canton	Geo. Humphreys	Joseph Dyer	Darius Moses
Hartford, w.divis.	Moses Goodwin	Elisha Mix	Jedidiah Mills
Hartford, s. soci.	And'w Kingsbury	Geo. Goodwin	James Goodwin
Hartford cavalry	Michael Olcott	John Bennett	Normand Smith
Ellington	Levi Wells	Asa Willey	Joseph Abbett, j'r
Plainfield	Abel Andrus	Eben'r Eaton	Jere. Kinsman
Windsor	Oliver Mather	Job Allen	Martin Denslow
Torrington	William Battel	Elisha Hinsdale	Seth Coe
Enfield	Asaph Terry	Joseph Parsons	Caleb Jones
Farmington,	Dan'l Tillotson	Sam'l Bishop	Elias Lewis
Coventry	Elisha Edgerton	Joseph Talcott	Bildad Curtiss
Washington, New Preston soci.	Silas Tracy	Elijah Meeker	Barnabas Abbet
East Haddam	Jeremiah Smith	Josiah Griffin	Isaac Cone
Washington, 1st Society	Elijah Hasen	Anthony Strong	John Powell

ARTILLERY

Guilford	Thomas Burgess	S. Fowler 1st lieut. Nath. Griffin, 2d do Thos. R. Bray, 3d do.	
Fairfield, Mill riv.	Jeremiah Sturges	Joab Squire	Eben Dimon jr.
New Haven	John Miles jr	Daniel Green, 1st lt. Laban Smith, 2d do.	
Fairfield, 1st soci.	Walter Thorp	Ab'm G. Jennings	John Morehouse
Branford	Eli Fowler	Samuel Gould, 1st lieut. David Butler 2d do William Hoadley, 3d do.	

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